

Hawley's district champions spotted Moorhead about an inch per man in the bruising battle under the boards in the crucial semifinals Friday night at Concordia fieldhouse but the four photos above show the Golden Nuggets were getting more altitude.

Top left—Ron Henrickson gets a shot off Loren Johnson (23). Others identified are Dick Riedberger (45), Lyndon Sonju (23), Tom Carney (24).

Top right—Henrickson drives past defenders to score. Others in photo are White Halvorson (11), Johnson (23), Sonju, Carney (24), Bob Kruse and Jerry Lovell (3).

Bottom left—Riedberger (45) makes shot over Johnson and Lovell. Leigh Gilbertson in background.

Bottom right—Sonju shoots a jumper over Carney (24), while Lovell (3) watches. Notice Henrickson, Lamski (bandaged knee showing), Riedberger and Johnson (the last two all-state football players) preparing for the bruising battle under the boards which marked the game from start to finish.—Verne Wange photos.

## Weather Report

| Day                 | High | Low |
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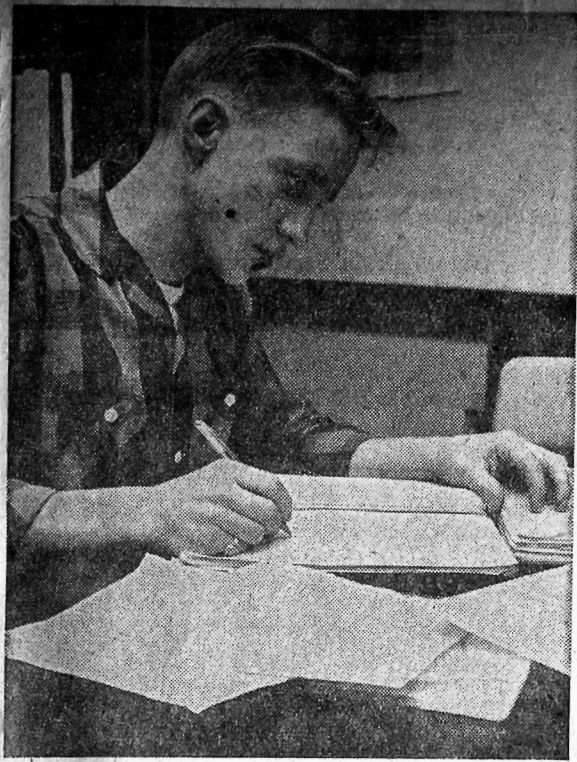
We wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have shown expressions of sympathy and condolences in the loss of our dear little son, William; especially Rev. C. F. Turmo for his kind words at this time. We are grateful.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn and Douglas



The coaches got their usual ride off the floor by the Nuggets. It was a regular occurrence after a Hawley game.

The Hawley dressing room was more noisy after the Moorhead victory than after either the district or regional title victories. The Nuggets believed from the start that if they could defeat the outstanding Moorhead team, nothing could stop them from going to the state.



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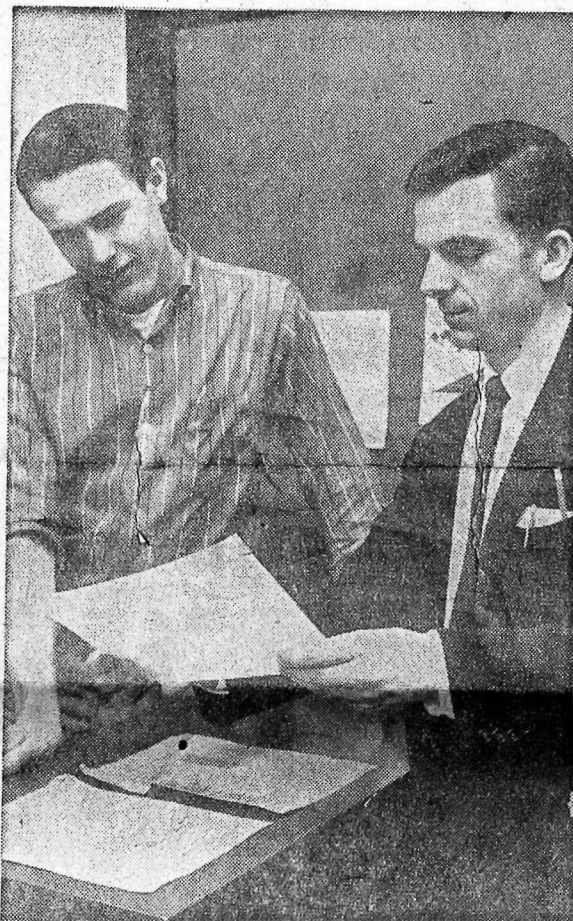


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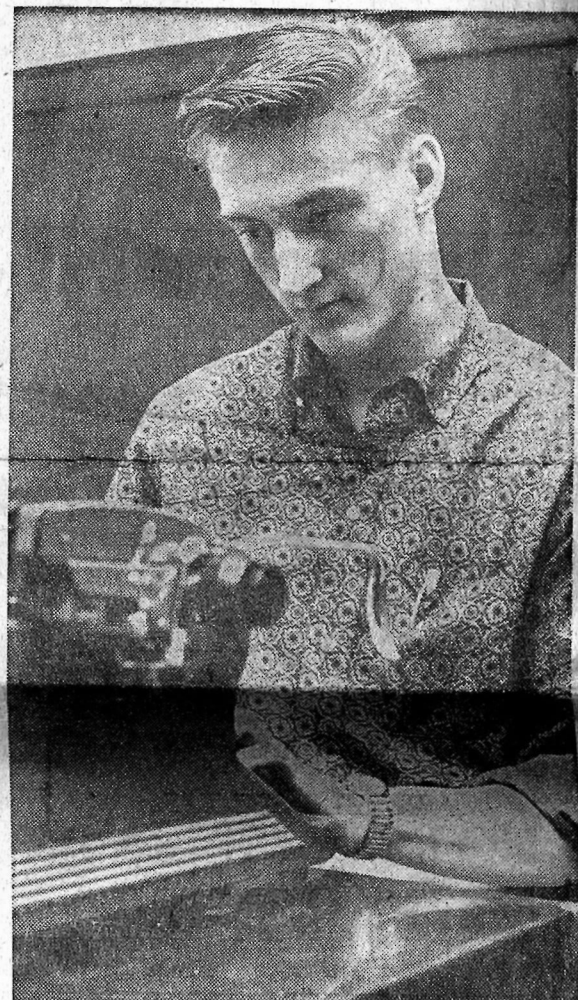
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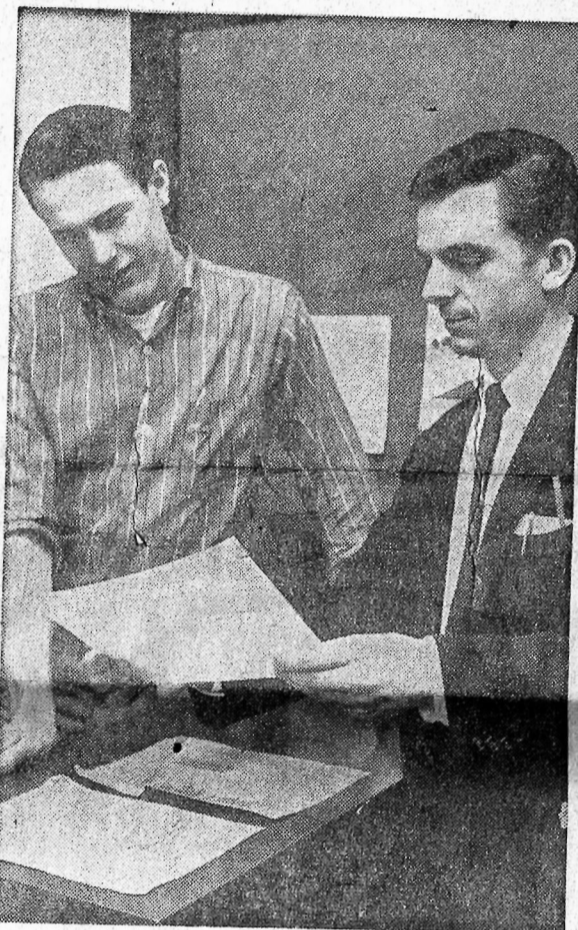
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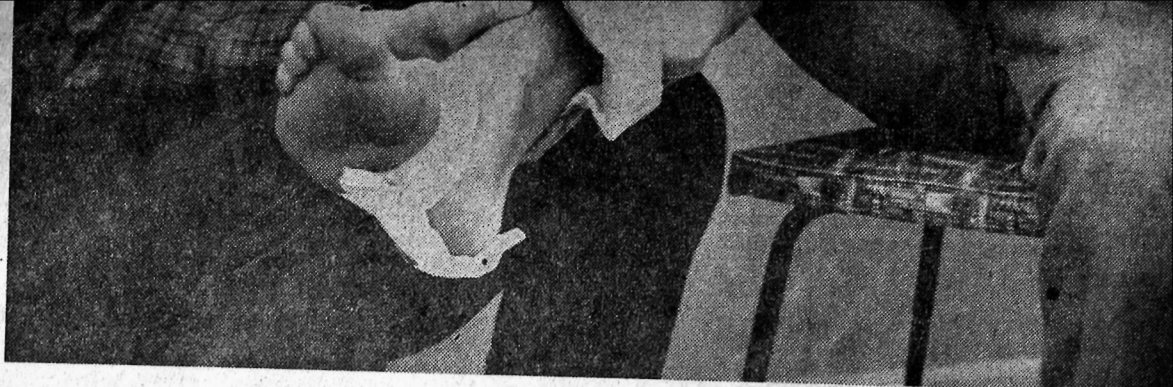
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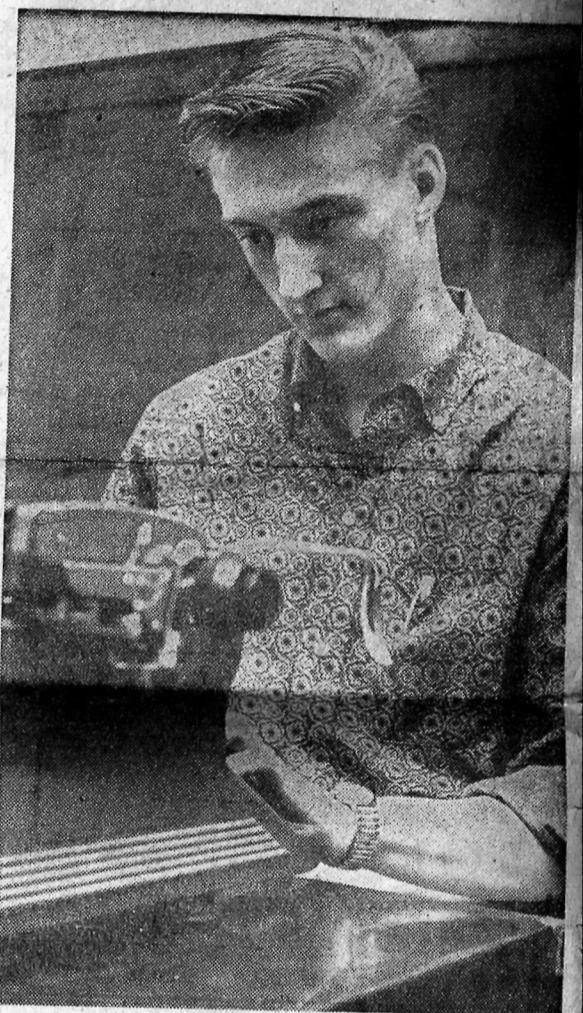


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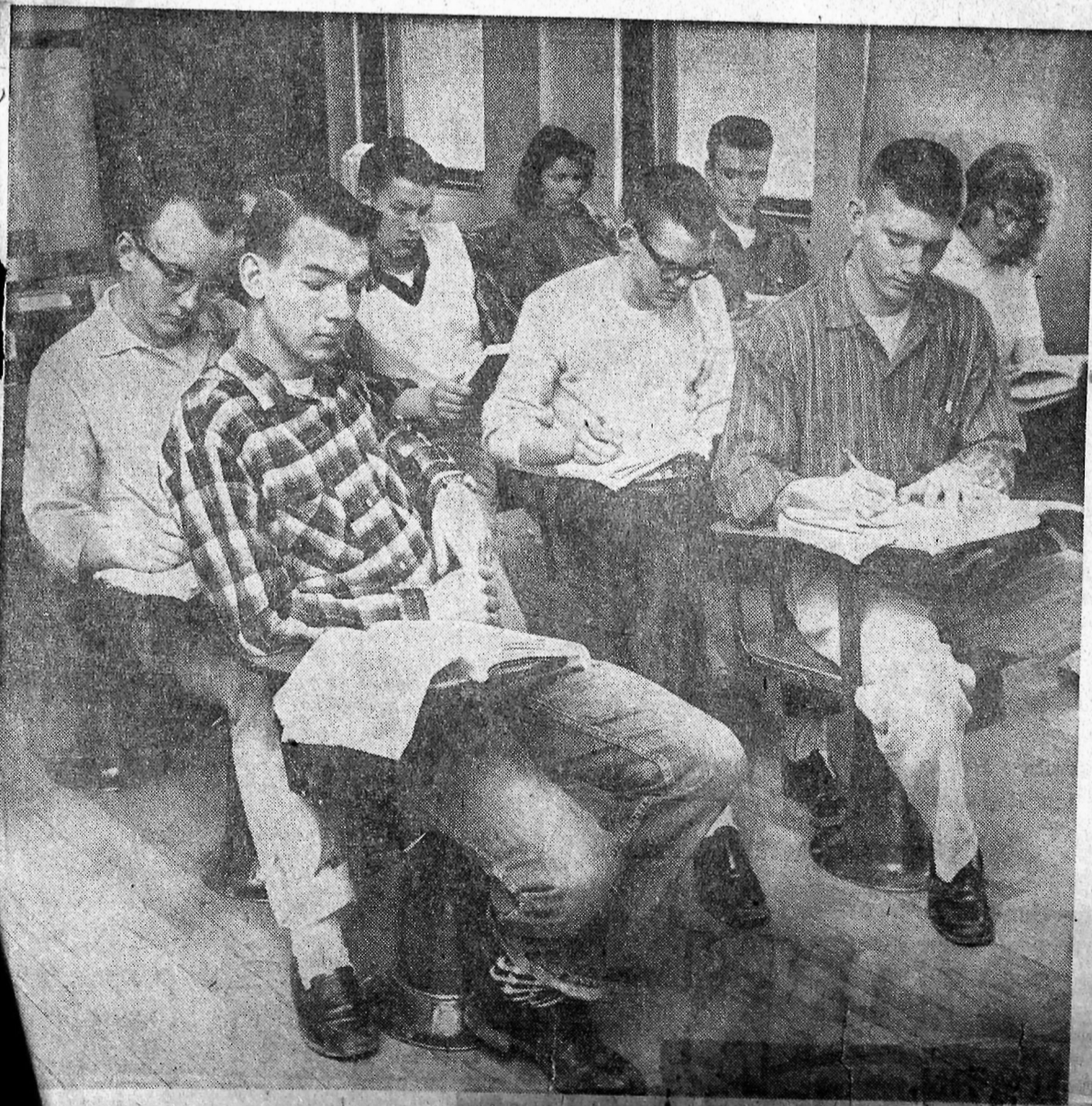


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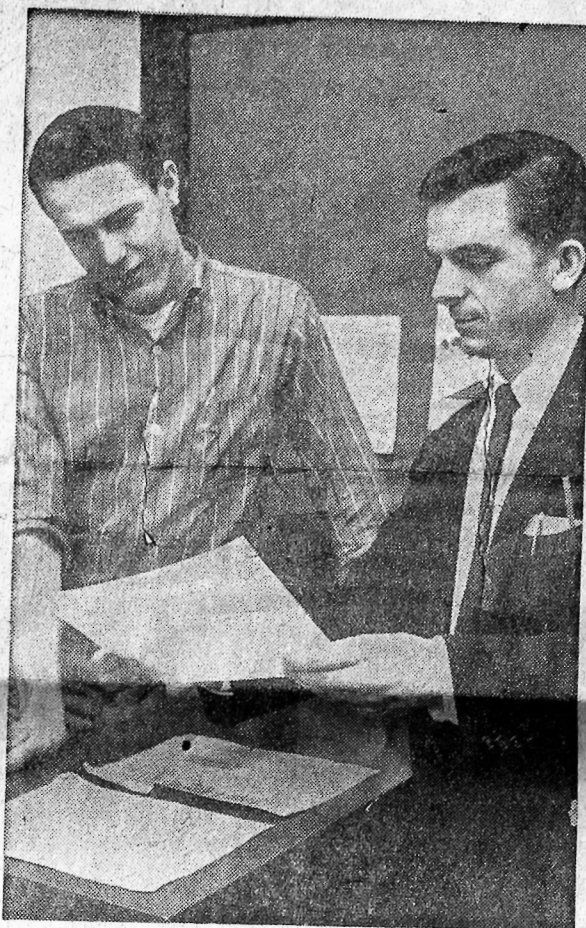
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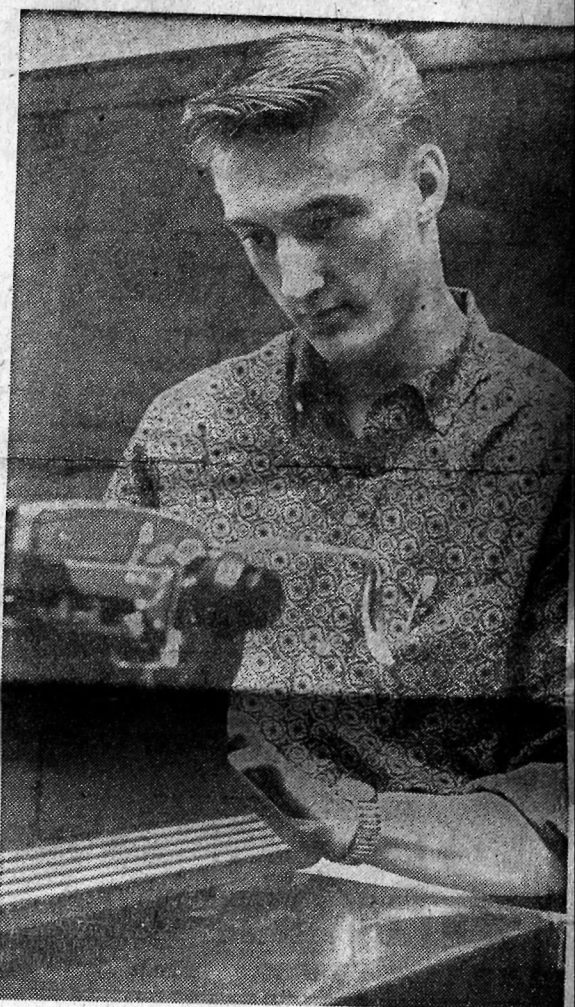
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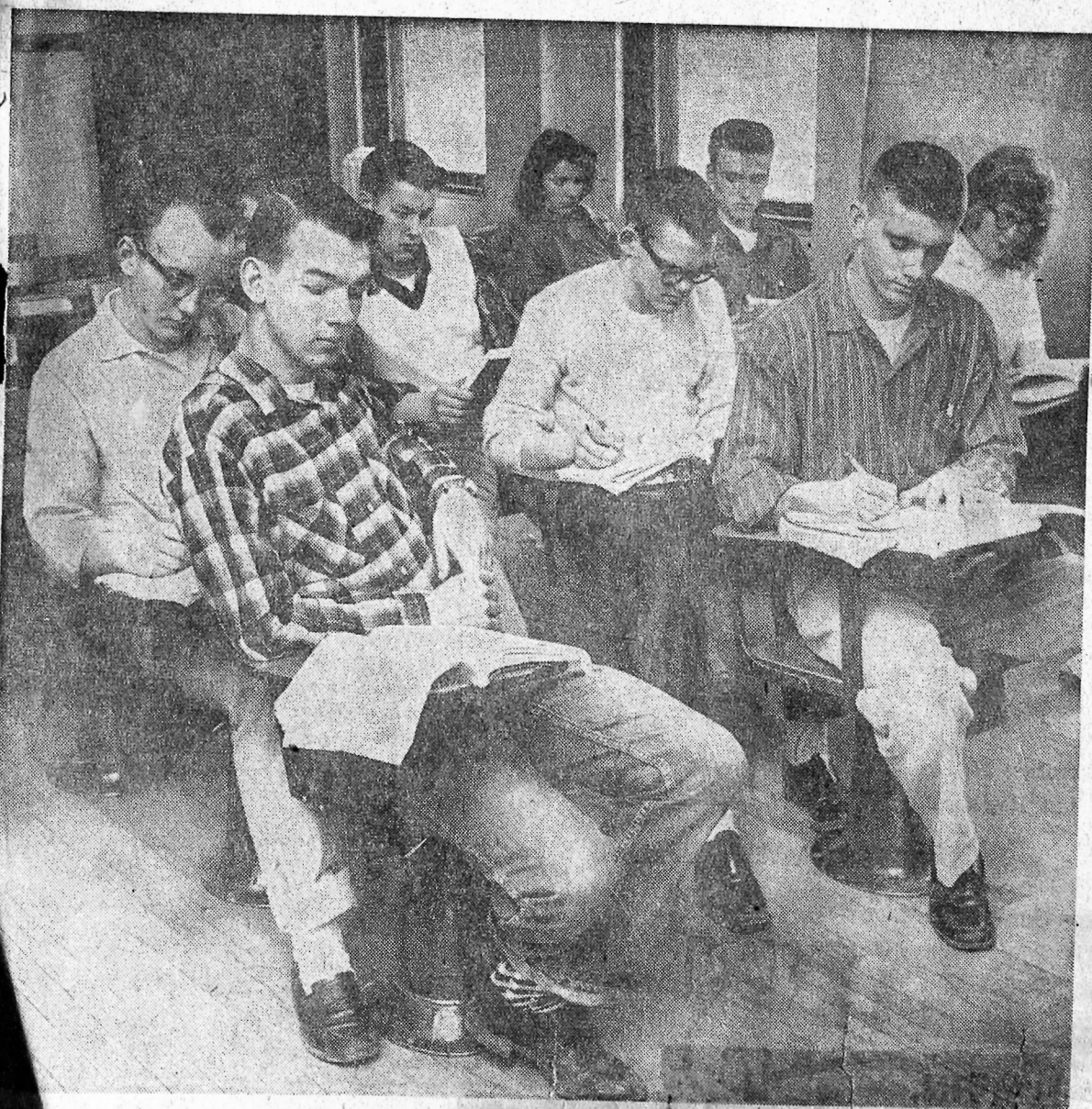


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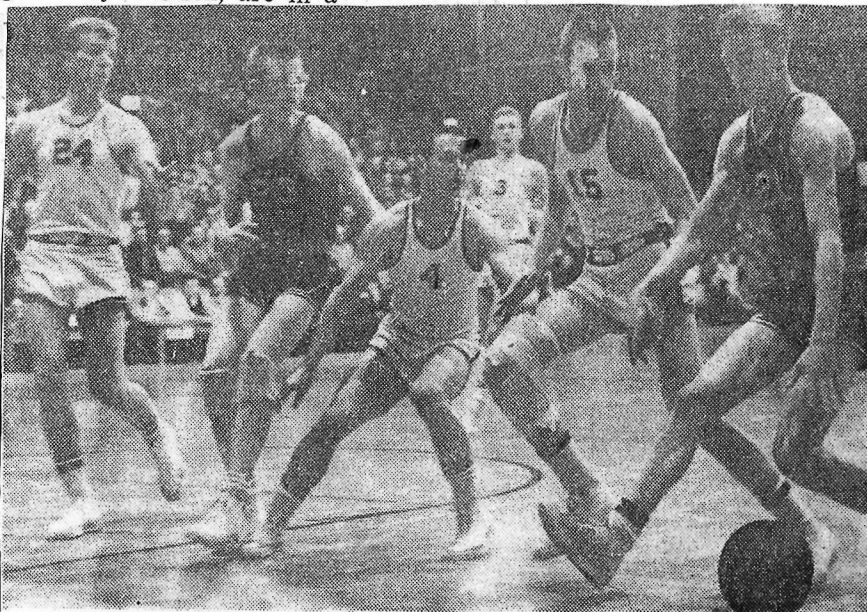
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CONTRAST OF EMOTIONS at the Moorhead-Hawley district game are plainly evident. A Moorhead cheerleader is in tears while Hawley cheerleaders, Mary Ellen Malakowsky, Mary Keeping and Lynn Olsen, are in a

different mood. Becky Brandser, in background, also seems in high spirits.—Photo by Clarence Loe, Fergus Falls Journal.



school basketball event.

Radio stations now need only permission to broadcast. But Thursday night in the first round of the Eastern Division tournament at NDAC there was no broadcast with easy reception in Fargo.

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I'm sure that Hawley was the team which packed the Concordia Fieldhouse Friday night for its game against Moorhead.

There were people from Moorhead, Fergus Falls and Detroit Lakes, too, because they had home representatives. But it was little Hawley against Moorhead which attracted a lot of people from the Eastern Division tournament.

Maybe the fact that the Minnesota District 23 tournament got under way at 6:45 instead of the Eastern Division starting time of 7:30 had some effect upon the attendance at Moorhead, too.

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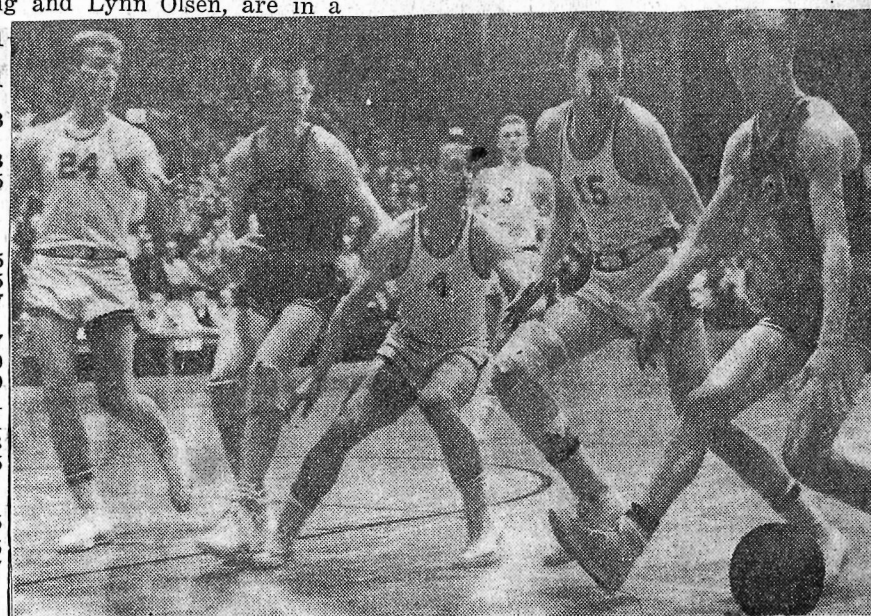
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## Tournament Sidelights

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Everyone from Hawley was worried about the Nuggets' defense, not offense. Results—they held opponents to an average of 44 points and Perham, not the big schools, scored the most—50. At the same time, the Nuggets were not shooting their normal average and even missed easy layups which would have salted away all three games much sooner.

Quote from reserve guard George McDonald in the dressing room after the Fergus game—"These guys think they played some tough opponents. Just wait till they play us in practice Monday."

Odis LeGrand, Fergus Falls sports announcer, "Let me say it—the best team went home with the trophy."

Coach Lowell Bolger—"We wouldn't have won this trophy without the tremendous backing from the school and town. They gave me courage and the boys courage to win."

C. M. Mitby and Roger Martin of Minneapolis, members of the Mills City Officials association, were the tournament referees. They turned in one of the best jobs we have seen in recent years.

One thing we liked was that they let the big boys battle for the rebounds in aggressive style, and as long as no pushing or holding occurred, the whistle didn't blow.

Dick Riedberger spent halftime of the Fergus Falls game walking and jumping to take the stiffness out of his ankle which was sprained in the Moorhead game.

The Herald reporter at the press table was so excited at the end of the Moorhead game, he ran to the Hawley dressing room only then to discover his pen and notebook were back at the table.

Some 650 tickets were sold in Hawley on the morning of the Fergus Falls game. This included Hawley's entire allotment. Many others secured tickets ahead of time by mail, while some bought general admission tickets at the fieldhouse that night.

Hawley Nuggets received a telegram from former coach Howard Erickson of Albert Lea before the Moorhead game.

er's free throw put Hawley in front, 30-29, late in the third quarter.

A jump shot by Riedberger from the free throw line just as the buzzer sounded to end the period gave the Nuggets new life. Weiss had virtually handcuffed Riedberger throughout.

A minute and a half later, Weiss had committed his fifth foul and the Nuggets had gone ahead, 37-31. Hawley began driving and Fergus was futilely ineffective from the field.

Midway in the final period, the winner was almost a foregone conclusion. All that remained were a barrage of Hawley free throws and the awarding of trophies.

Contrasted to the Moorhead victory, when Riedberger and Ron Henrikson were hitting from left and right, Sonju and Gilbertson connected with amazing accuracy. The Nuggets swished 10 of 12 from afield during the initial period.

Soby and Weiss did most of the gunning as the Otters meshed 5 of 14.

After Hawley's quick surge, a tremendous letdown occurred during the last 4½ minutes of the second stanza. Soby's jumper with five seconds left in the half was the only fielder in that space.

Riedberger, who had come through with 60 points in the first two tourney games, was slowed by an ankle injury which became apparent Saturday morning. In addition, Weiss seldom allowed Riedberger to handle the ball cleanly, let alone find an opportunity for a good shot.

The rebounding chores for Hawley fell to Sonju, with Henrikson and Riedberger below par in that department, and the 6-2 sophomore center took over admirably. Weiss was again the standout on the boards for the Otters, aided by Soby.

Hawley muffed several lay-ups during its cold stretch. Fergus Falls, seemingly becoming more flat as the game wore on, fired away constantly without success.

The Otters gained the upper hand in the third quarter as the Nuggets started badly. Shuck, a junior who started his first game against Detroit Lakes Friday night, hit twice and Soby once to put Fergus Falls in front, 24-23, only 2:25 into the second half.

Weiss accounted for three points to give Fergus Falls its largest lead at 27-24 with 4:05 to go in the quarter. Riedberger sank a gifter and Sonju's bucket with 2:05 left, Hawley's first in the quarter, tied it at 27.

Weiss banged in a rebound at 1:45, but Henrikson did the same with :55 remaining to tie it again at 29. Then Riedberger, for the third night in a row, tallied the points which sent Hawley into a permanent lead.

It was a fine team victory for the Nuggets, now the only undefeated club left in Minnesota. Wood Lake had its 20-game skein clipped by Tyler in District 9, 50-42.

A determined band of Nuggets fought back from dismaying near-misses and frustrations to put the damper on the Otters' battle to capture their fourth straight crown.

The final margin was built up from the free throw line, where Hawley missed only 9 in 26 attempts. But the driving, scrapping Nuggets were clearly in command as Fergus Falls fouled repeatedly in vain attempts to turn back the inevitable Hawley march to victory.

It was a satisfying win in another respect. Fergus Falls sidetracked last year's contending Hawley five, 63-61, in the first round of the district tourney at Fergus Falls.

Riedberger regained his driving leadership of the team in the final quarter, rebounding with gusto and counting 10 points. His 18 points topped the new champions, and gave him a 78-point total for three games.

Sonju and Gilbertson each contributed 12 and Henrikson 11. Halvorson was scoreless, but the 5-5 guard was an important cog offensively and defensively.

Soby ended with 12 and Weiss 11 for the Otters. Tom Greenagel, who also didn't score, still continued his fine floor play until fouling out in the final period.

## Wheaton To Be Regional Foe Nuggets Bump Otters In 53-38 Title Game

By PAUL NOREM

With another near-capacity crowd, predominantly pro-Hawley, anticipating the school's first District 23 high school basketball championship, the Nuggets took charge in the fourth quarter to whip Fergus Falls, 53-38, at the Concordia Fieldhouse Saturday night.

With the title and a 21-game win streak in tow, the Nuggets tackle Wheaton, District 21 king, next Thursday night at 7 in the Region 6 opener at the Concordia Fieldhouse. Aitkin of District 24 and Sauk Centre of District 22 tangle at 8:15.

Neither team approached the calibre of play demonstrated the previous night. Both showed the effects of narrow victories in early rounds.

Lyndon Sonju, benefitting from smooth inside passing from Duane Halvorson, carried Hawley's load in the well-played first period with three baskets. John Soby and Darryl Weiss combined for all the Otter counters as Hawley managed a 13-12 advantage at the break.

The Nuggets almost immediately shot into a 21-14 lead with 2:45 elapsed in the second period. After Soby's jumper made it 21-16, both teams cooled off drastically, resulting in a reduction of efficient floor play.

Hawley left the floor at half-time with a 23-18 lead. The Otters, with Gene Shuck, Soby and Weiss combining talents, held the advantage briefly before Dick Riedberg-

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## Congratulations, Nuggets . . .

Our congratulations to our neighbors to the north—Hawley—on winning the district basketball title.

The Nuggets certainly deserved to win by proving their metal in the late stages of three tough ball games. Hawley now stands a better-than-average chance to go all the way.

While it is going to be tough to live with Hawley in view of their accomplishments, we're sure all the Barnesville fans are now pulling for the Nuggets to get into the state tourney.

The possibility of a little hamlet such as Hawley having a team in the state captures the imagination. Fans always pull for the underdog. Although the Nuggets won't necessarily be underdogs in the regional, they will be from the smallest town. That automatically will make them the sentimental favorites.

The Nuggets' success seems to have mellowed the propaganda chief of the Hawley Herald—Bob Brekken. In a rare charitable mood, Brekken last week said he would start spelling Barnesville with a capital "B" if the Trojans dumped Moorhead.

That event didn't happen, but it gives some indication that Brekken and other die-hard Hawley fans may be softening up a bit.

Better Homes and Gardens "This is the best time to pick up your home" ad.

# 'Too Much Reidberger,' Shocky Strand Declares

While Moorhead high school was regarded the pre-tournament favorite to cope the District 23 basketball title and didn't succeed, don't think the Spuds were over-looking the smaller teams because of their loss to Hawley in the semi-finals.

Back before Christmas vacation Moorhead had a tough time beating visiting Barnesville 56-51. "Shocky" Strand, Moorhead coach, commented following the game "Now we know how important it'll be in tournament games to consider the small school with the bigger ones." Strand went on to say, "You can never count the small schools out as they're always 'up' enough to pull an upset."

"We learned our lesson tonight (December game) and now the boys should realize they'll have to play ball againts everyone to win," Strand added.

Strand was serious in his comments about Barnesville before the District 23 tournament at the Concordia Fieldhouse. "There's no chance we'll take them lightly," Strand said. "They're champions already in their sub-district so they've played under pressure."

## Set for Barnesville

The Spud veteran coach must have made sense to his team as Moorhead rolled over Barnesville 65-41 in the first round.

Last year in the opening round heavily favored Moorhead overcame a nine point second half deficit in the final quarter to tip the Trojans.

Barnesville had won seven straight and came into the districe with a 12-8 record under Coach Don Bjelland. Lacking Moorhead's height, the Trojans gained respect for their aggressiveness and desire.

## Knew About Hawley

About Hawley, Strand was probably more concerned. Strand had watched Hawley in season play with assistan Jim Gotta.

His team made no alibis after their defeat to Hawley. Instead, Strand payed respect to the Nuggets. "It was just too much Riedberger (Dick) and they out hustled us all the way," the Spud coach said.

Strand went on to say, "They're a good ball club and work hard all the way. They wanted to win and they went all out to do so."

Many blame overconfidence when a small school beats a bigger school but Hawley proved that their win over favorite Moor-

head was not a fluke as they downed defending champion Fergus Falls the next night in the finals by 15 points.

## Lamski Loss Hurt

Of course, Dale Lamski was lost early in the final period via fouls and that hurt Moorhead. Lamski's departure may have made the difference. He was tough on the boards and his jump shots were finding the range with accuracy.

Strand took the defeat as a sportsman as did his team.

It must have hurt since Moorhead has gone since 1953 without winning the district which they had won 17 times since 1925 compared to eight each for Detroit Lakes and Fergus Falls. Barnesville won the only other title, that coming in 1948.

# PERHAM-HAWLEY

Perham's Yellowjackets, who taught Hawley a lesson about the full court press in January before losing 76-73, gave the Nuggets another scare last Wednesday night.

Perham had a 46-44 lead with 3:45 remaining before the Nuggets rallied to win 58-50 and advance to the semifinals in the District 23 tournament.

Hawley had a cold night from the floor, with the exception of Dick Riedberger, and also was poor on rebounds; so poor, in fact, that Perham got five rebound baskets in the 1st half.

Riedberger had to tie Hawley's all-time individual scoring record to keep the Nuggets in the game. His 33 points equalled the mark set January 28, 1949, by George Schultz.

The score was tied seven times and the lead changed 17 times. Hawley got the tip at the start of each quarter but did not control the ball. In all respects, it was a game in which the Nuggets were

thinking about Moorhead while Perham was thinking about Hawley.

Hawley led 12-10 at the 1st quarter mark, but trailed at half-time 24-22. Hawley regained the lead 42-38 at the end of the 3rd quarter, but did not score for the first four minutes in the last quarter and again lost the lead.

The Nuggets finally broke the ice in the last four minutes and finished it with a rush. With the score 50-48 for Hawley, Gilbertson sank four straight field throws to put the fighting Yellowjackets out of the tournament.

Hawley shot 5 out of 18, 4 out of 16, 8 out of 14, and 5 out of 14 for a total of 22 out of 62 or 35.5%. Ron Henrikson got 20 precious rebounds and Riedberger 14.

|               |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| Hawley        | fg | ft | pf | tp |
| Riedberger, f | 13 | 7  | 2  | 33 |
| Henrickson, f | 2  | 2  | 3  | 6  |
| Sonju, c      | 3  | 0  | 2  | 6  |
| Gilbertson, g | 3  | 4  | 1  | 10 |
| Halvorson, g  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2  |
| Braun, c      | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Herbranson, g | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  |

Totals 22 14 9 58

|            |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|
| Perham     | fg | ft | pf | tp |
| Elofson, f | 4  | 0  | 1  | 8  |
| Bigler, f  | 2  | 0  | 2  | 4  |
| Simon, c   | 8  | 0  | 5  | 16 |
| Nelson, g  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 9  |
| Caughey, g | 3  | 0  | 3  | 6  |
| Nagel, g   | 2  | 3  | 1  | 7  |
| Alstadt, g | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |

Totals 22 6 15 50

## PERHAM-HAWLEY

### 1st Quarter

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Riedberger, rebound        | 2-0   |
| Riedberger                 | 3-0   |
| Riedberger, jump shot      | 5-0   |
| Simon, jumper under basket | 5-2   |
| Elofson, rebound           | 5-4   |
| Sonju, jumper              | 7-4   |
| Simon, rebound             | 7-6   |
| Simon, rebound             | 7-8   |
| Riedberger, jumper         | 9-8   |
| Elofson, rebound           | 9-10  |
| Gilbertson, long jumper    | 11-10 |
| Riedberger                 | 12-10 |

## 2nd Quarter

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Riedberger, under basket                | 14-10 |
| Gilbertson, jumper                      | 16-10 |
| Caughey, jumper                         | 16-12 |
| Henrickson                              | 17-12 |
| Nagel, stole ball and drove all the way | 17-14 |
| Elofson, rebound                        | 17-16 |
| Caughey, all the way                    | 17-18 |
| Gilbertson, drive-in layup              | 19-18 |
| Simon, rebound                          | 19-20 |
| Simon, long shot                        | 19-22 |

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Riedberger, jumper at ft circle | 21-22 |
| Caughey, long jumper            | 21-24 |
| Herbranson                      | 22-24 |

## 3rd Quarter

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Halvorson, drive-in layup             | 24-24 |
| Riedberger                            | 25-24 |
| Hawley switched to man to man defense |       |
| Nagel, long shot                      | 25-26 |
| Riedberger, jumper                    | 27-26 |
| Simon, drive-in                       | 27-28 |
| Nagel, on fast break                  | 27-30 |
| Sonju, jumper                         | 29-30 |
| Nagel                                 | 29-31 |
| Sonju, hook shot                      | 31-31 |
| Nagel, long shot                      | 31-33 |
| Riedberger, tip-in                    | 33-33 |
| Simon, drive-in                       | 33-35 |
| Riedberger, drive-in                  | 35-35 |
| Riedberger                            | 36-35 |
| Riedberger, jumper                    | 38-35 |
| Riedberger                            | 39-35 |
| Simon, jumper                         | 39-37 |
| Henrickson, from Gilbertson           | 41-37 |

0:17—Simon gets 5th foul  
Henrickson  
Nelson

## 4th Quarter

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Bigler, pivot                   | 42-40   |
| Elofson, rebound                | 42-42   |
| Nelson, 2 ft                    | 42-43   |
| Riedberger, jumper              | 44-44   |
| Nagel, 2 ft                     | 44-45   |
| Riedberger, long jumper         | 46-46   |
| 2:50—Riedberger, pivot and jump |         |
| 1:40—Sonju missed ft but        | 50-46   |
| Riedberger rebounded            | 51-2-46 |
| 1:01—Gilbertson, 2 ft           |         |

## MOORHEAD-HAWLEY

HAWLEY NUGGETS met the Moorhead Spuds in the semifinals of District 23 Friday night and performed one of the most thrilling, skillful giant-killing assassinations ever seen in a tournament.

Moorhead entered the game with a 15-4 record, a tougher season schedule, the home floor, a bigger team, and the experts' year-long prediction that it was going to the state.

Hawley entered the game with a 19-0 record, a shaky quarterfinal victory over Perham, but the confidence they could win.

By the end of the game the Nuggets proved to 5,600 hysteric fans that they had more stamina, more speed, better shooting and more desire than the Spuds. Result was a convincing 56-45 victory for Hawley.

Hawley held the lead eight times, Moorhead six times, and the score was tied eight times. Moorhead started the game with a cool confidence which gave most of the fans the impression Hawley would be beaten decisively.

The Spuds controlled Hawley's boards while getting second shots at their own basket. Hawley stayed with them during the first half by terrific outcourt shooting, heady floor play and increasing strength under the boards.

Moorhead took an impressive 11-6 lead midway in the 1st period, but Hawley tied it 15-15 at the end of the quarter.

Hawley moved ahead in the 2nd period by margins of one and three points until Dale Lamski's jumper and a hook by Tom Carney gave Moorhead a 25-24 edge at halftime.

Moorhead's man to man defense began to crumble in the 2nd half as their players picked up fouls,

and about midway in the period, the crowd began to realize that Hawley was becoming stronger

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Opposing benches show a contrast of emotions in the late stages of the Hawley-Spud game when the superiority of the Golden Nuggets was firmly established.

Top photo shows the Moorhead bench. Player in the second row with bowed head is Dale Lamski, Spud captain, who fouled out.

Bottom photo—Hawley's Chinese Bandits jump to their feet as teammates on court widen the margin for a certain victory. Visible are Roger Kragerud, Bud Kronbeck, and Dave Quam. Hawley coaches Jim Jossart, Pius Lacher and Lowell Bolger, are relaxed and smiling.—Verne Wange photos.

and Moorhead weaker. The combination of Dick Riedberger, Ron Henrikson and Lyndon Sonju began dominating both boards.

Moorhead tried a full court press in the 3rd period, which proved disastrous. Lamski dived in front of Riedberger in an attempt to get the ball from him. Both boys were going full speed at the time with Lamski hitting the floor head first. Lamski was dazed, got a 5-stitch cut above his right eye and drew his 3rd personal.

A few moments later Lamski drew his 4th personal, and although the period ended 35-35, Moorhead was beginning to lose poise under the constant pressure. Moorhead took two 2-point leads at the start of the 4th period, but lost Lamski on fouls.

Loren Johnson, Moorhead's husky 6-3 all-state end, drew his 4th foul trying to stop the driving of Riedberger and Henrikson and with 4:55 remaining Hawley took a commanding 43-39 lead.

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**Pals:** Coach Lowell Bolger, former Moorhead High School and MSC star, now coach of the Hawley Nuggets, is glad to be pally with the District 23 trophy which his team won in Saturday's 53-38 victory over defending champion Fergus Falls Saturday.

one free throws at  
2:43 and 2:32  
Lovell, long shot 47-43  
2:00—Riedberger, 2 ft 48-9-43  
1:39—Gilbertson 50-43  
0:53—Gilbertson steals ball  
and drives full court 52-43  
0:40—Halvorson, 2 ft 53-4-43  
Lovell, jumper 54-45  
Henrickson, rebound 56-45

### FERGUS HAWLEY

Both teams were flat offensively which reflected their strenuous games of the previous evening. But Hawley was ahead during most of the game, controlled the ball and showed outstanding teamwork and floor play.

Both teams used a man to man defense. Nuggets, who stymied Moorhead on Friday with a tightly knit zone, surprised the Otters with a tough man to man which brushed aside the Fergus screens to prevent the easy shots the Otters had Friday against Detroit Lakes.

Coach Lowell Bolger had two problems before the game—how to get the Nuggets up for Fergus after the peak effort against Moorhead, and would Dick Riedberger's ankle injury, suffered in the collision with Dale Lamski of Moorhead, hamper the big lad's effectiveness.

Coach Bolger had more worries when both Riedberger and Ron Henrickson proved to be cold in the first half while being defended well by Darryl Weiss and John Soby.

But the Nuggets' great team balance and slight edge on the boards once again carried them along until their scoring touch returned.

Leigh Gilbertson and Lyndon Sonju spearheaded the attack with 17 points in the 1st half and were aided by crisp passes from mighty Whitey Halvorson.

Sonju also gathered in a big share of rebounds while Riedberger, Henrickson, Weiss and Soby cancelled each other out.

Hawley gained a 13-12 edge at the 1st quarter mark and increased it to 23-18 at halftime. At that point Hawley seemed to be moving steadily forward for a convincing victory, but instead fell into a 10 minute slump during which they failed to make a field goal.

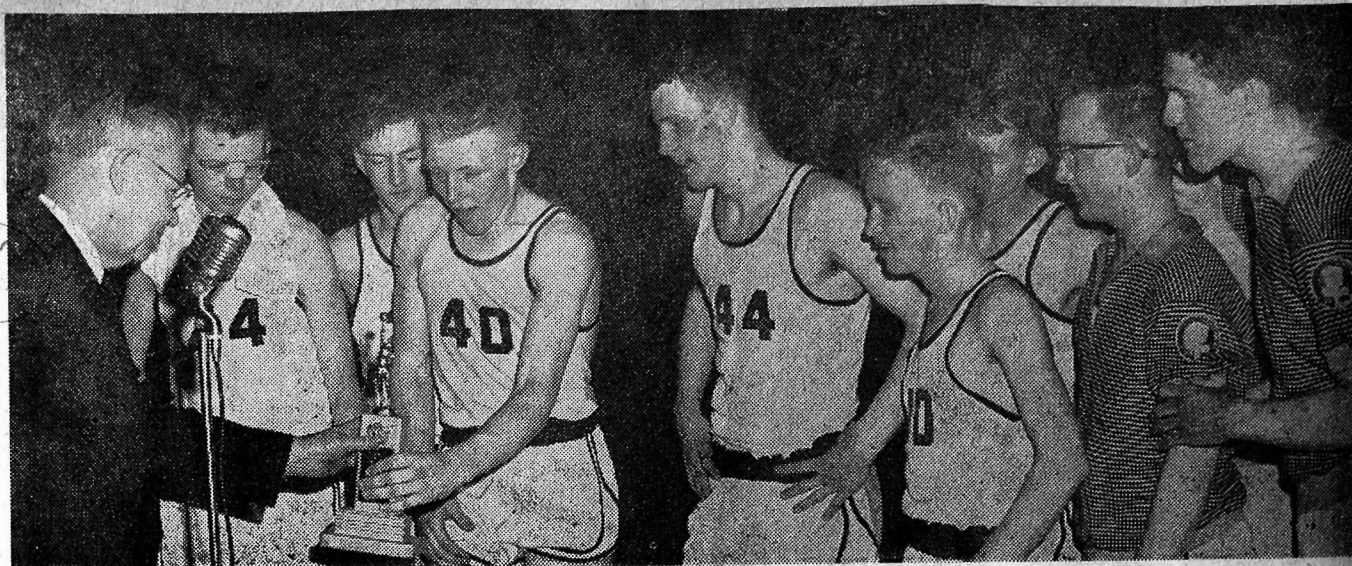
The low point covered the last four minutes of the 1st half and the first six minutes of the 3rd quarter. The Nuggets maneuvered for layups and easy jumpers around the basket but could not get the ball through the loop. It was their worst shooting streak of the year.

The fact that the Nuggets did not crack during this precarious portion and emerged from the slump with only a 3-point deficit, showed they were true champions.

Fergus Falls took the lead at the start of the 2nd half on three outcourt shots and were ahead 27-24 before Riedberger made a free throw and Sonju followed with a bucket.

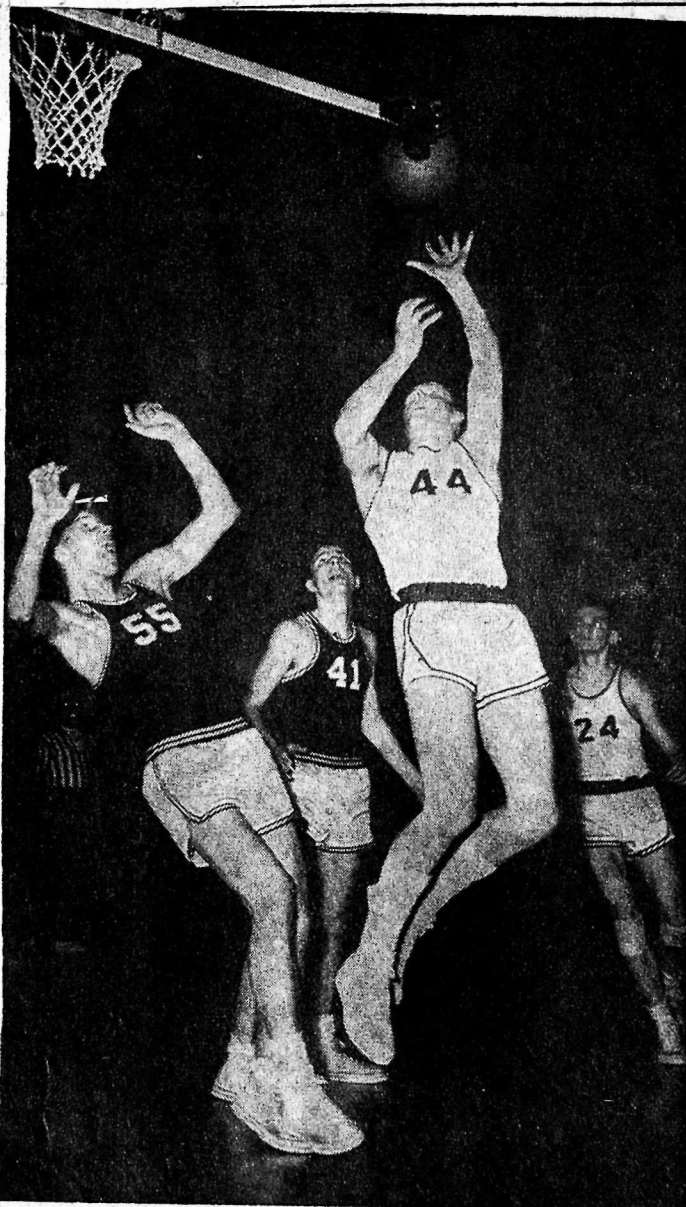
Riedberger had run the stiffness out of his ankle by that time and began to move with his former agility while Henrickson attacked from the other side.

Riedberger drew a foul, made the free throw, scored on a beautiful play at the 3rd quarter buzzer and Hawley led 32-29. From that point the Nuggets were in complete control, the crowd sensed the



SUPT. JOHN W. WYLIE of Frazee presents the District 23 championship to the smiling Hawley Golden Nuggets after their 53-38 win over Fergus Falls. Nuggets left to right are Lyndon Sonju, Leigh Gilbertson, Ron

Henrickson, Dick Riedberger, Whitey Halvorson, Duane Herbranson, George McDonald and Rich Braun.—Photo by Clarence Lee, Fergus Falls Journal.



Dick Riedberger (44) drives and jumps by Darryl Weiss (55) of Fergus Falls while Ed Darby (41) and Lyndon Sonju (24) watch the outcome.—Verne Wange

guests at the Russell Steen home.

Fergus tried a full court press, and discovered as Moorhead did the night before, that the Nuggets could not be matched as ball-handlers. Hawley took only five shots in the last period and made them.

Fergus lost Weiss on fouls with six minutes remaining, and their fine guard, Tom Greenagel followed three minutes later.

In the final quarter the Nuggets either paraded to the free throw line or maneuvered the ball for easy layups.

Both teams were far below their shooting ability. From the field Hawley made 6 out of 12, 3-14, 3-14 and 5-5, a total of 17-40 or 42.5%. Fergus made 5-14, 3-13, 5-14 and 3-10 for 16-51 or 31.4%. Hawley made 19 of 26 free throw attempts while Fergus made only six during the evening.

The mastery of the Nugget over the Otters proved to the skeptics that Hawley was not lucky to defeat the fine Moorhead team. They were in complete charge of both games by the final quarter.

The crowd saw one of the all-time greats in Riedberger; this tournament's best one-two punch in Riedberger and Henrickson; the best guard, Gilbertson; the best sophomore, Sonju; and the best small man, Halvorson, who dazzled the crowd with his ball handling finesse in the finale. There was little doubt the best team went home with the trophy.

|               |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| Hawley        | fg | ft | pf | tp |
| Riedberger, f | 5  | 8  | 1  | 18 |
| Henrickson, f | 4  | 3  | 3  | 11 |
| Sonju, c      | 5  | 2  | 3  | 12 |
| Gilbertson, g | 3  | 6  | 1  | 12 |
| Halvorson, g  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| Herbranson, g | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |

|              |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| Totals       | 17 | 19 | 10 | 53 |
| Fergus Falls | fg | ft | pf | tp |
| Soby, f      | 5  | 2  | 3  | 12 |
| Weiss, f     | 5  | 1  | 5  | 11 |
| Hoff, c      | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| Greenagel, g | 0  | 0  | 5  | 0  |
| Shuck, g     | 3  | 3  | 1  | 9  |
| Darby, c     | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  |
| Van Dyken, g | 2  | 0  | 0  | 4  |
| Frees, g     | 1  | 0  | 1  | 2  |
| Estrem, c    | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |

|             |    |   |    |    |
|-------------|----|---|----|----|
| Robinson, g | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| Totals      | 16 | 6 | 18 | 38 |

### CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

#### 1st Quarter

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Sonju from Henrickson         | 2-0    |
| after Sonju missed free throw | 2-2    |
| Soby, jumper                  | 2-4    |
| Weiss, jumper                 | 3-4    |
| Gilbertson                    | 5-4    |
| Sonju from Halvorson          | 7-4    |
| Sonju from Gilbertson         |        |
| 4:08—Riedberger reinjured     |        |
| ankle                         |        |
| Weiss, jumper from side       | 7-6    |
| Soby, jumper                  | 7-8    |
| Gilbertson, long jumper       | 9-8    |
| Soby, 2 ft                    | 9-9-10 |
| Gilbertson, jumper from       |        |
| corner                        | 11-10  |
| Henrickson, drive-in layup    | 13-10  |
| Weiss, jumper                 | 13-12  |

#### 2nd Quarter

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Riedberger, tipin       | 15-12    |
| Shuck, long set         | 15-14    |
| Henrickson              | 16-14    |
| Sonju from Halvorson    | 18-14    |
| Sonju                   | 19-14    |
| Gilbertson, long jumper | 21-14    |
| Soby, from corner       | 21-16    |
| Riedberger, 2 ft        | 22-23-16 |
| Soby, from corner       | 23-18    |

#### 3rd Quarter

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Shuck, long set            | 23-20 |
| Shuck, jumper              | 23-22 |
| Soby, long shot            | 23-24 |
| Sonju                      | 24-24 |
| Weiss, jumper at ft circle | 24-26 |
| Weiss                      | 24-27 |
| Riedberger                 | 25-27 |
| Sonju from Riedberger      | 27-27 |
| Weiss, rebound             | 27-29 |
| Henrickson, turn around    |       |
| jumper                     | 29-29 |
| Riedberger                 | 30-29 |
| Riedberger, jumper at      |       |
| ft circle                  | 32-29 |

#### 4th Quarter

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Gilbertson                 | 33-29    |
| Riedberger, 2 ft           | 34-35-29 |
| Shuck, 2 ft                | 35-30-31 |
| 6:23—Weiss 5 fouls and . . |          |
| Henrickson converts 2 ft   | 36-37-31 |
| Riedberger, 2 ft           | 38-39-31 |
| Van Dyken                  | 39-33    |
| Riedberger, drive-in layup | 41-33    |
| 4:40—Frees, jumper         | 41-35    |
| 4:28—Gilbertson, 2 ft      | 42-43-35 |

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# Bolger Credits Team Morale, Town Support For Win

By Dick Seal

Hawley—In Hawley these days basketball is of major importance following the Nuggets winning of the District 23 basketball championship. Hawley fans have every right to be over elated since it is the school's first in history.

Visiting with Hawley's Lowell Bolger, the Nuggets' cage mentor who guided the Nuggets to the Heart O' Lakes and Minn-Dak Conference titles besides a regular season mark of 18-0, brings out several significant points.

"We have had wonderful support from the town people and school. It's a great inspiration to the kids," Bolger said Sunday afternoon relaxing where he rooms following the winning of the District 23 title the night before.

"They're a fine bunch of fellows and they played hard all the way," Bolger said. Asked if he thought playing smaller schools during regular season play would make a difference come tournament time, Bolger added, "I was a bit concerned because we realized that mistakes couldn't be as plentiful against stronger opposition."

"However, we proved to ourselves after the Moorhead win that we could play ball against better opposition," Bolger said.

## Looked Ahead

"Actually our toughest game was against Perham in the first round and no doubt the reason for that was because of the fact everyone had us already meeting Moorhead in the semi-finals. Our boys were looking ahead," Bolger stated. It is easy to see why Hawley had much trouble. They beat Perham at Perham by 24 points in late February after winning a squeaker at home earlier.

## Regional Plans

Bolger, who stays at the Gordon, Thompson residence along with football and wrestling coach Jim Jossart, was already working on regional preparations. "I don't know too much on the other three (Sauk Centre, Wheaton and Aitkin) but I know they'll all be tough," Bolger said. "We'll have to play ball to keep winning," the Hawley mentor commented.

Asked how he felt about beating his former high school coach "Shocky" Strand, Bolger added, "It was a good feeling beating Moorhead. That was a big one to get out of the way."

## Rest Needed

Getting back to his own squad Bolger stated further: "Terrific morale was on the squad all the time in preparing for the district.

However, the tournaments began to have their feelings Sunday after the District 23 tournament. "It's about time they relax," Jossart said, as he was told that many of the boys took off to movies Sunday afternoon out of town.

Asked about the basketball program at Hawley Bolger expressed high regards. Helping in a good system are Norman Roos with the fifth and six graders, Spencer Fjeld with the seventh and eighth graders and Pius Lacher with the "B" team.

Lacher's "B" squad finished with a 16-1 record.

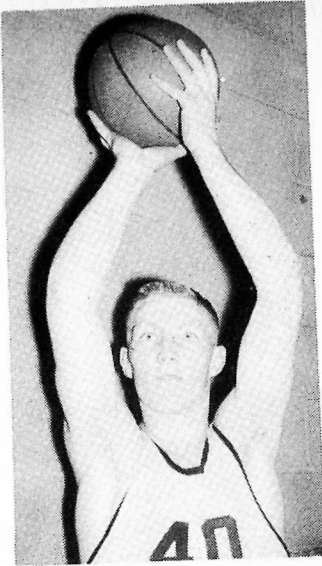
## Winning Combo

While Bolger was enjoying success in basketball, his roommate Jim Jossart did right well in his first year as wrestling coach. His team qualified two boys for the Region 6 wrestling meet.

Bolger and Jossart are not alone as first year personnel at Hawley. The Thompson's are also new to Hawley this school year. Thompson is a Bemidji state grad and teaches industrial arts at Hawley.

## Lone Unbeaten

Going into the District 23 meet undefeated was added pressure. Now, the Nuggets go into Region 6 as the lone undefeated



**DEFENSIVE** — Holding Moorhead's high scoring Loren Johnson to four points was Hawley's Ron Henrikson who helped lead the Nuggets to a surprising basketball win over Moorhead in the District 23 semi-finals.

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Minnesota prep team. Atwater fell in the District 20 semi-finals to Willmar, Wood Lake was beaten in the District 9 finals by Tyler and Forest Lake did not make it in District 25 where Rush City became champ.

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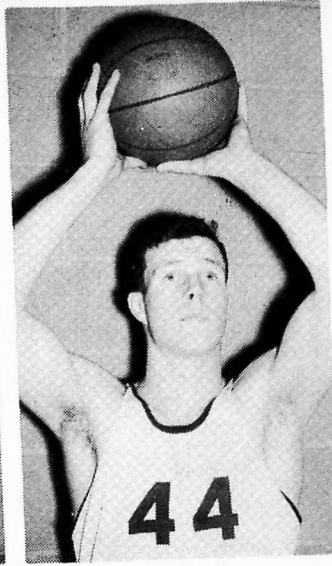
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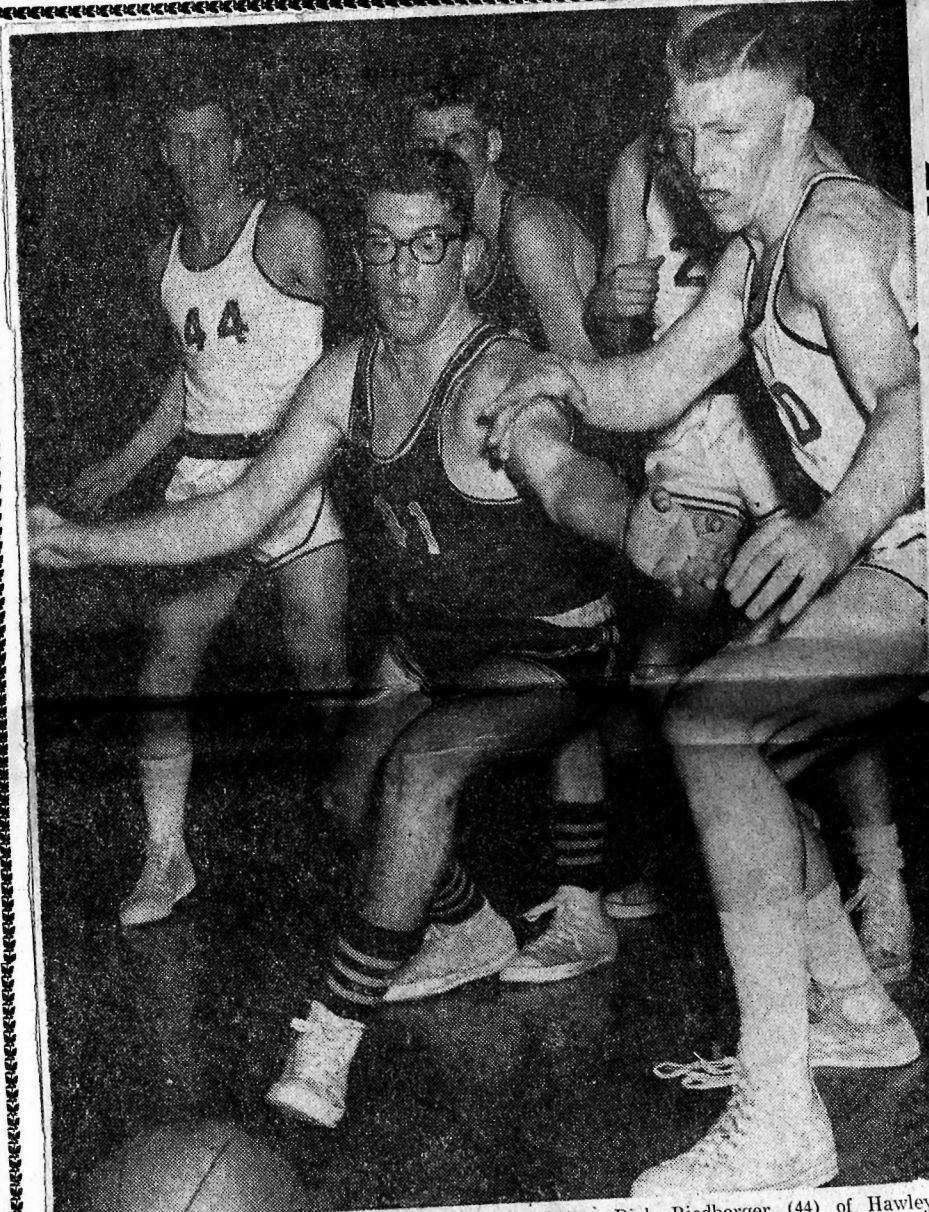
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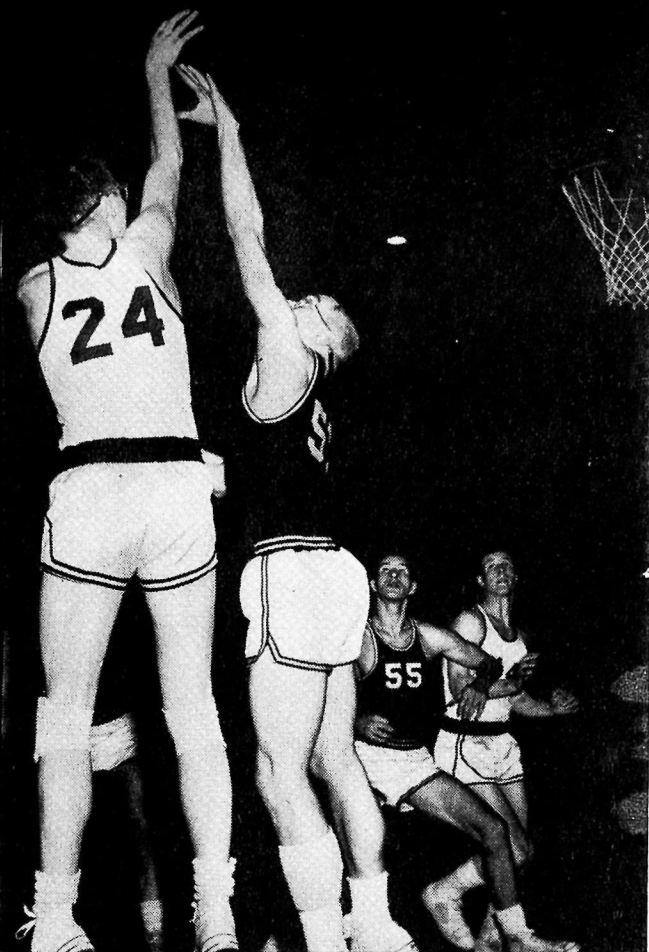
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By Dick Seal

Hawley, champion of District 23 basketball, became one of five schools in history to win the District 23 crown. The Nuggets also became the first small school to win since 1948 when Barnesville won and advanced to Region 6 tournament play.

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### Moorhead Won 17

Moorhead leads the field by far with 17 titles. Fergus Falls and Detroit Lakes have won 8 times each and Barnesville along with new champion Hawley have each taken home one championship trophy.

Fergus Falls had won three straight (1956, 1957 and 1958) before getting ousted by Hawley. Detroit Lakes' last title came in 1955. Moorhead in winning the '53 crown won the Region 6 title and were beaten by Region 3 champion Granite Falls in the first round of the state tournament.

### In 1928 Finals

Hawley was in the 1928 finals of the district and fell to champion Moorhead. Moorhead won the Region 6 title and then copped the state title by beating Minneapolis Edison 29-16.

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### Fergus Falls In '57

District 23 doesn't have to go too far back to find its last state tournament entry. Duane Baglien coached the Otters to the 1957

Region 6 title and a third place finish in the state.

Fergus Falls edged Hibbing 57-55, lost to state champion Minneapolis Roosevelt 83-59 in the semi-finals and stopped Walnut Grove 78-48 for third place.

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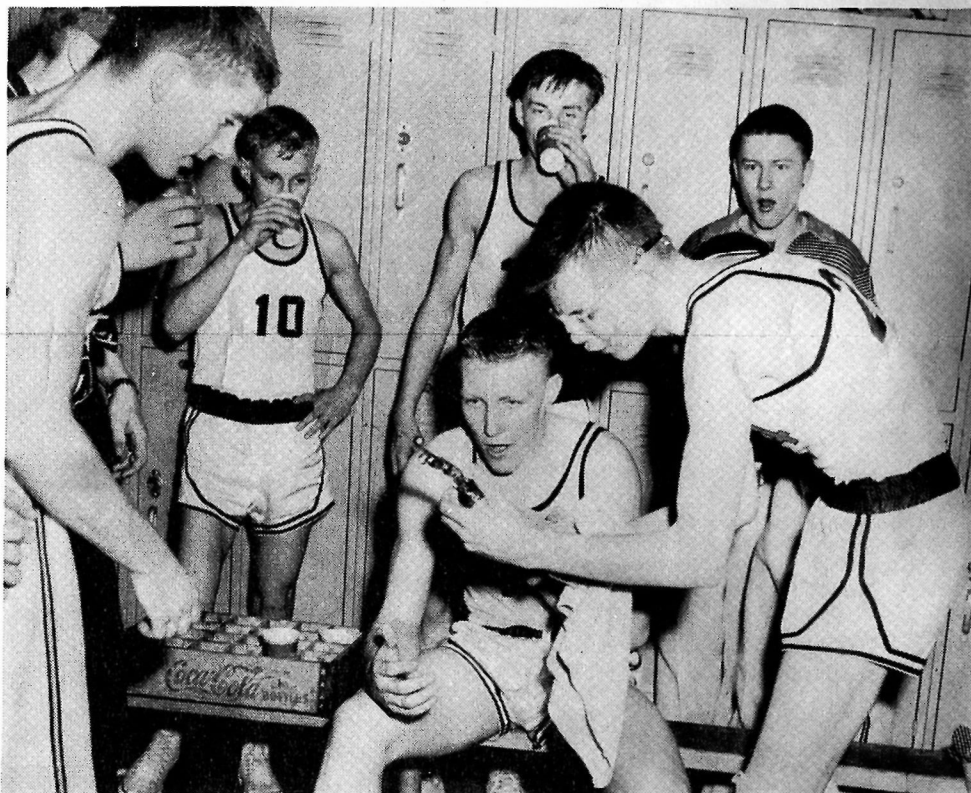
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**"IT'S OURS"** — Ron Henrickson, co-captain of the Hawley high school basketball team, shouts out, "It's ours," as sophomore center Lyndon Sonju holds the prized award. Other team members viewing the new addition are, left to right, standing: Steve Hiedecker, Duane (Whitey) Halvorson, Leigh Gilbertson and Dave Quam. (Photo courtesy of Verne Wange, Wadena)

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#### Region 6

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Visiting with Hawley's Lowell Bolger, the Nuggets' cage mentor who guided the Nuggets to the Heart O' Lakes and Minn-Dak Conference titles besides a regular season mark of 18-0, brings out several significant points.

"We have had wonderful support from the town people and school. It's a great inspiration to the kids," Bolger said Sunday afternoon relaxing where he rooms following the winning of the District 23 title the night before.

"They're a fine bunch of fellows and they played hard all the way," Bolger said. Asked if he thought playing smaller schools during regular season play would make a difference come tournament time, Bolger added, "I was a bit concerned because we realized that mistakes couldn't be as plentiful against stronger opposition."

"However, we proved to ourselves after the Moorhead win that we could play ball against better opposition," Bolger said.

## Looked Ahead

"Actually our toughest game was against Perham in the first round and no doubt the reason for that was because of the fact everyone had us already meeting Moorhead in the semi-finals. Our boys were looking ahead," Bolger stated. It is easy to see why Hawley had much trouble. They beat Perham at Perham by 24 points in late February after winning a squeaker at home earlier.

## Regional Plans

Bolger, who stays at the Gordon, Thompson residence along with football and wrestling coach Jim Jossart, was already working on regional preparations. "I don't know too much on the other three (Sauk Centre, Wheaton and Aitkin) but I know they'll all be tough," Bolger said. "We'll have to play ball to keep winning," the Hawley mentor commented.

Asked how he felt about beating his former high school coach "Shocky" Strand, Bolger added, "It was a good feeling beating Moorhead. That was a big one to get out of the way."

## Rest Needed

Getting back to his own squad Bolger stated further: "Terrific morale was on the squad all the time in preparing for the district.

However, the tournaments began to have their feelings Sunday after the District 23 tournament. "It's about time they relax," Jossart said, as he was told that many of the boys took off to movies Sunday afternoon out of town.

Asked about the basketball program at Hawley Bolger expressed high regards. Helping in a good system are Norman Roos with the fifth and six graders, Spencer Fjeld with the seventh and eighth graders and Pius Lacher with the "B" team.

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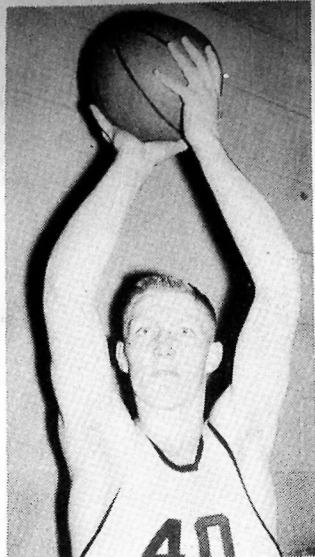
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While Bolger was enjoying success in basketball, his roommate Jim Jossart did right well in his first year as wrestling coach. His team qualified two boys for the Region 6 wrestling meet.

Bolger and Jossart are not alone as first year personnel at Hawley. The Thompson's are alone new to Hawley this school year. Thompson is a Bemidji state grad and teaches industrial arts at Hawley.

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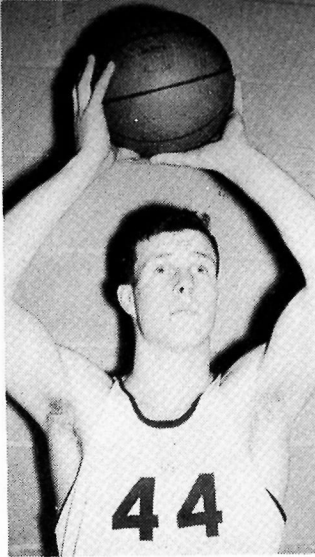
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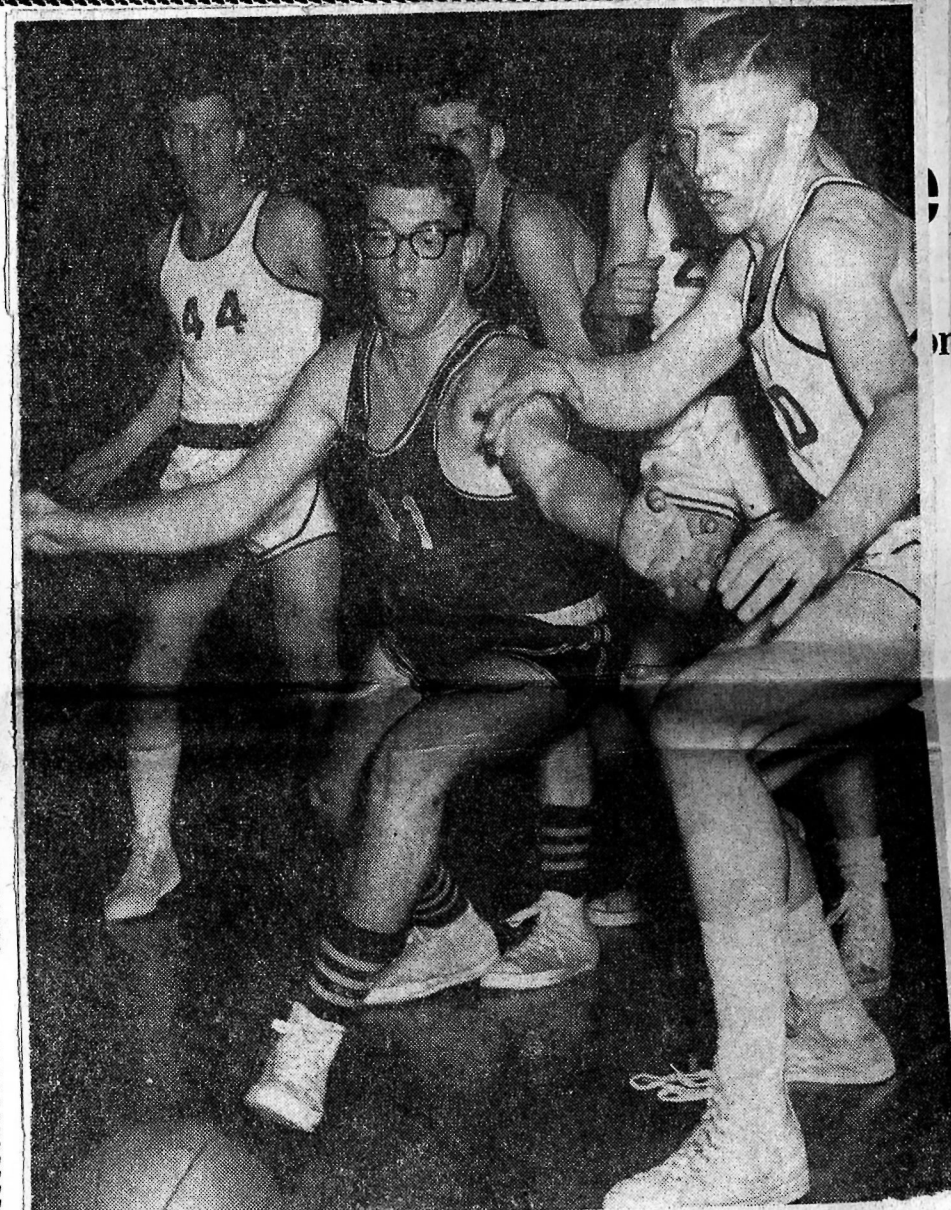
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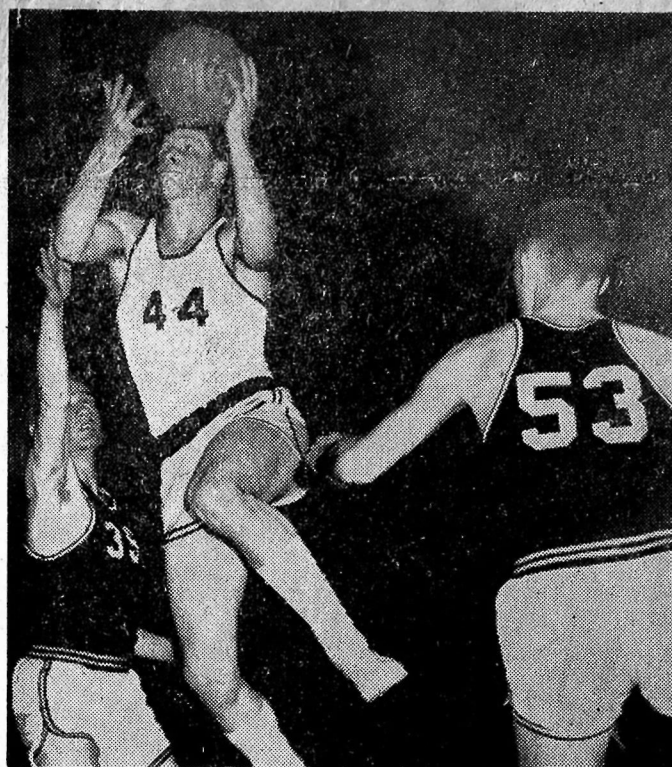
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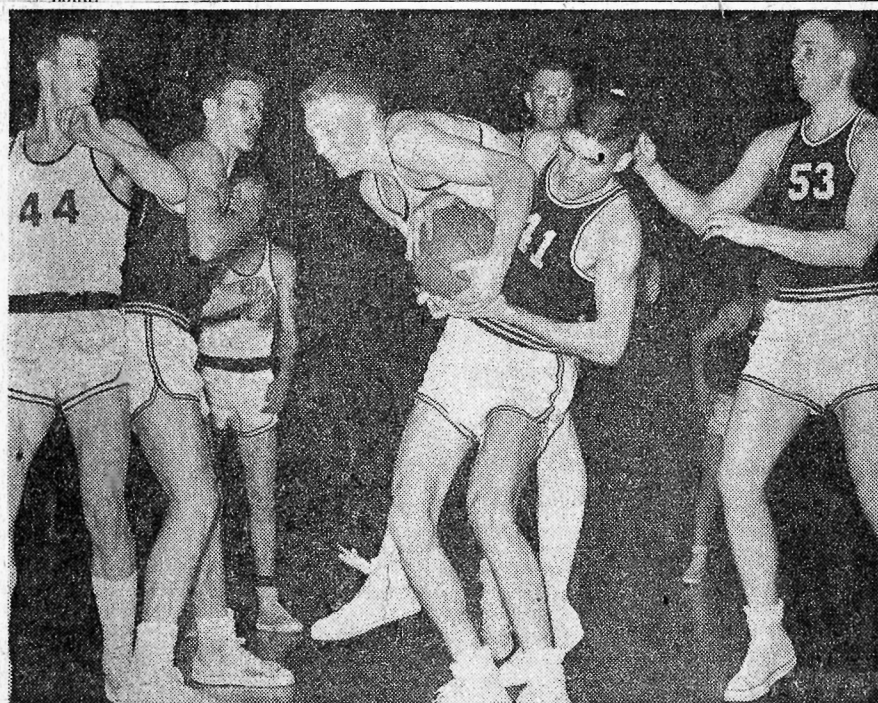
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**WILD MAN AT WORK**—When Fergus Falls tried a full court press in the closing minutes of the championship game, the Nuggets ran wild. Going in for a lay-up is Dick Riedberger (44), with Bill Robinson (35) and John Soby (53) arriving too late.—Photo by Clarence Lee, Fergus Falls Journal.



**Jump Ball:** Ed Darby (41) of Fergus Falls and Ron Henrickson of Hawley wrestle for the ball in Saturday night's District 23 high school basketball tournament final at Concordia Fieldhouse. Hawley's Dick Riedberger (44) and Darryl Weiss of Fergus Falls watch the action on the left. John Soby (53) of Fergus Falls is ready to give help at the right. Leigh Gilbertson, hidden by Weiss' hands, and Lyndon Sonju (behind Henrickson and Darby) of Hawley wait tensely. Hawley won its first title, 53-38. (Forum Photos)

## Nuggets' Dressing Room Wild After Big Victories

By GEORGE McDONALD

Most of the fans who watched the district tournament saw only the action on the playing floor. Very few saw the drama which took place before the games or the excitement afterwards.

Because I'm a member of the Hawley basketball team maybe I can try to describe the before and after game picture as I saw it and quote some of the players to show how they felt.

Before the Perham game there was some tension, but the players couldn't get themselves up because they knew that Moorhead, who overshadowed them during the season, was the team they would have to beat in the following game.

Perham put a stop to that line of reasoning. The Nuggets decided at halftime to play each game separately, one by one.

Although Hawley won 58 to 50, to look at the Hawley dressing room after the game you might have thought they lost. They hadn't played good ball and everyone knew what would happen against Moorhead on Friday if they didn't start playing together. There was no cheering, singing, or laughing in the showers or on the way home.

Coach Lowell Bolger gave a short talk before we left the bus. He said, "Forget this game and start thinking about the next. We didn't play good ball but we won—that's all that counts. The only way we can beat Moorhead is to make up our minds that we are the better team."

The team had a day's rest while the other bracket played their first round games. In that short time Bolger performed a small miracle in restoring confidence the players had lost in the Perham game.

Even though the team had been waiting for Moorhead all year, the student body played a large part in getting the players up. Before the boys entered the court they

knew who the better team was and that they couldn't be stopped. As a result Hawley came from one point behind at halftime to defeat Moorhead 56-45.

To see the dressing room after the game, one might think Hawley had won the state. Who knows, that isn't so far away at that, is it?

Ron Henrickson, with a smile as big as a quarter watermelon, said "It's the greatest, but it still seems impossible though."

Dick Riedberger, watching Moorhead warm up the next night, said "How did we ever beat them? Here we are, only 32 minutes away from the regional and nothing is going to stop us."

The team, before the championship game, was confident and determined. Whitey Halvorson said "Remember, we have a score to settle from last year." As we filed out Leigh Gilbertson said "We didn't come this far to lose." And they didn't.

The game see-sawed for three quarters, but the Nuggets wouldn't give up and pulled away in the final quarter to win 53-38.

After the game, the new District 23 champs didn't have much room to dress. The dressing room was filled with spectators, photographers, proud fathers, and newsmen. Players from almost every team in the district came to wish us luck in the regional.

Although Coach Bolger used the starting five almost the entire tournament, the second team or "Bandits" are proud to be members of such a team.

Roger Kragerud put our feelings in words when he said "What's the difference whether we play or not. They put it in the record book as the Hawley basketball team and I wouldn't trade places with anybody in the state."

Sophomore center Lyndon Sonju after the Fergus game summed up the tournament in two words—"Just perfect."



**Backers:** The Nuggets didn't lack for support in their successful quest of the Minnesota District 23 basketball championship. Here's part of the Hawley delegation at Saturday's title game against Fergus Falls at the Concordia Fieldhouse.

# Nuggets Get Off Floor Twice To Win Region Championship

The cliffhanger kids from Hawley staged another of their thrilling dramas Friday night at Concordia fieldhouse, overcame a 4-point deficit with five minutes to go, and defeated Aitkin 53-51 for the Region 6 title and berth in the state tournament.

The Golden Nuggets remain the only undefeated team in Minnesota, running their streak to 23-0, and reaching the top eight among some 490 schools in the state.

Hawley meets tournament favorite, Aitkin, at 3:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in the second game at Williams arena in Minneapolis.

The Nuggets proved for the 5th straight tournament game that they are a salty crew. Mottos such as "Don't give up the ship," by Captain James Lawrence, and "I have not yet begun to fight," by Captain John Paul Jones, are words put into practice by the cool cagers from Hawley.

For the 5th consecutive time the Nuggets came from behind to snatch the game from their bewildered opponents, who seem to anticipate defeat at the end.

It was the same old hair-raising finish—the Nuggets taking charge in the last few minutes, dominating the boards against bigger players, intercepting passes, getting the tips, and making the crucial shots while the opponents missed.

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| Peterson, long set                            | 20-21    |
| Buss  | 20-22    |
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| Riedberger                                  | 31-30    |
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| Sullivan, on fast break                     | 31-34    |
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| McDonald, g   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
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| Nelson, to side of ft circle      | 10-11    |
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| Riedberger, corner jumper         | 13-13    |
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| Herbranson            | 0 0 0 0     |
| McDonald              | 0 0 0 0     |
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|---------------------------|-------------|
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| Peterson, long set                            | 20-21    |
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After Hendrickson had put the Nuggets ahead, 52-49, Buss hit two free throws to make it 52-51 with 1:10 to play.

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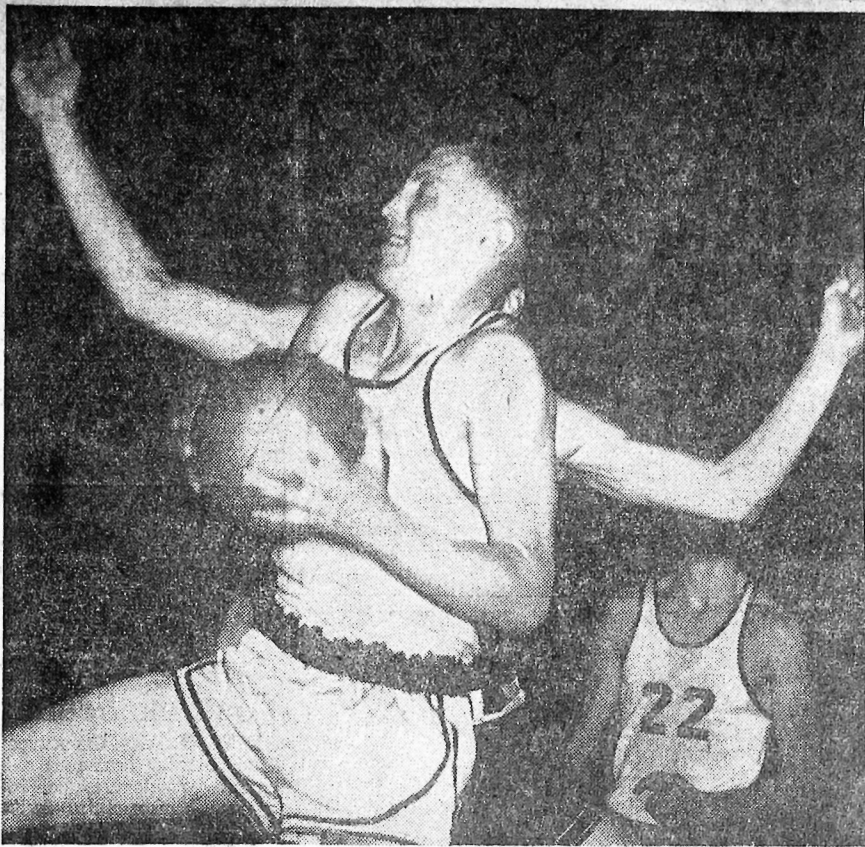
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**Celebration:** Jubilant Hawley players, joined by an unidentified cheerleader, congregate around wrestling coach Jim Jossart after winning a 56-45 decision over Moorhead in the District 23 high school basketball tournament for their 20th straight victory Friday night at Concordia Fieldhouse. Gathered in the middle of the floor are, left to right, Rich Braun, Ron Henrickson, Leigh Gilbertson, Lyndon Sonju, Steve Heidecker, Roger Kragerud, Everett Kronbeck, George McDonald and Duane Halvorson.

(Forum Photo by Harry Jennings)

## Basketball Main Topic At Hawley

By PAUL NOREM  
Sports Writer

HAWLEY, Minn. — It doesn't require much observation in Hawley to find out: the No. 1 topic of conversation these days.

Basketball Coach Lowell Bolger and his Hawley High School players may be very happy. But followers of the team in this town of some 1,200 are equally enthusiastic and they aren't reluctant to talk about it.

Hawley pulled through the Minnesota District 23 tournament at the Concordia Fieldhouse last week to win its first district championship. Bolger, in his first year of coaching, has guided the Nuggets to 21 straight victories.

"The following we've had this year has been tremendous," Bolger says. "It's helped the boys play better when they know they have support."

One who has been backing Hawley all the way, Editor Bob Brekken of the Hawley Herald, tells about the last game of the season at Dilworth. So many Hawley fans came early to the

game that latecoming Dilworth followers hardly found room.

"No matter how far away the game was being played, there were still a lot of people making the trip," added Tom Burns, who played on the 1946 Hawley squad which placed third in the district. Except for a second-place finish in the 1930s, it was the farthest a Hawley cage team has gone in the district until this year.

In addition to the majority of Hawley people who attended the tournament, many former residents came long distances to see the games. Russ Tall, now of Minneapolis, said, "I don't know how many people I met whom I hadn't seen since leaving Hawley."

"The spirit here is wonderful," commented Doug Skalin, who came from Lake Park five years ago. "Hawley is an athletic town, and even in losing years the people have backed the teams."

The Nuggets meet Wheaton in the first round of the Region 6 tourney Thursday night at 7 at Concordia Fieldhouse. Sauk

Centre is matched against Aitkin at 8:15. The final is scheduled Friday.

Bolger expects to get information from coaches and observers in the area on Wheaton, another smaller school from District 21. Like Bolger, the Hawley followers are cautiously confident that the Nuggets stand a good chance to reach the Minnesota state event next week.

"It was hard to tell how the team would do in the tournaments, since we were never behind in the second half during the year," Bolger stated. "But they never lost their heads when they were pressed."

"This is a cool bunch — they have confidence," says Allen Westvedt, another member of the 1946 team. "We were kind of awed by the bigger schools. But these kids seem a little stronger in the last quarter, and they have the desire."

Burns adds, "This outfit is well-balanced, with the poise to go with it."

Mayor M. W. Heidecker, whose son, Steve, is a reserve with the Nuggets, observed that "it has seemed all year that if one of the boys is off, two or three others come through."

Hawley barber Bud Simonson noted, "Before the tournaments we didn't know what we had. Now we do know. It showed at Moorhead."

Many of these points echoed what Bolger felt about the team. The Hawley fans who have watched most of the games this year can usually offer concrete reasons why they think the Nuggets will make a good showing in the regional event.

A recurring commendation from the Hawley supporters is the respect which the town holds for the coach and players. Skalin remarked, "They have the size and weight to play rough, but they're

team I've seen, and get the fans fired up. The boys to be careful of foul calls," Bolger says. "One has fouled out this year."

Iva also mentioned the re-ups in tight spots characterizes the Nuggets. "They don't take anything but they pull together sure. They seem to get power, and they've really stride now."

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Moorhead has won Region 6 eleven times, Crosby-Ironton 10, Brainerd 5, Breckenridge twice, and Wadena, Morris, Glenwood and Hawley once since 1925.

Lyndon Sonju of Hawley was the only starting sophomore in Region 6. Dave Marx of Sauk Centre was the only other sophomore who played and he made a brief appearance. Wheaton carried one sophomore and Aitkin two but none saw action.

Willard Gilbertson of Van Nuys, Calif., and oldest brother of Hawley's all-district guard, Leigh Gilbertson, sent money to the school for lunches for players and coaches. He also called after most of the tournament games to get the results, and relayed the information to the many other "displaced" Hawley residents living in the Los Angeles area.

Since 1925, Moorhead has won the District 23 title 17 times, Fergus Falls and Detroit Lakes 8, Barnesville 1, and Hawley 1. The district has won Region 6 on 13 occasions, including Moorhead 11, Fergus Falls and Hawley once each.

Hawley made good on its first try in the Region while Detroit Lakes and Fergus Falls combined have won once in 16 attempts.

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"They Said It Couldn't Be Done," was the sign at Dolva Brothers Super Service. OK Diner has a streamer saying, "All the way, Nuggets."

Telegrams before Aitkin game: The old Ulen Arrows send best wishes to the sons of the old Hawley Hawks to win.

—Ulen Arrows, by Conn Bjerke.

Ulen Civic & Commerce says: "Good Hunting. May next week find you entered at the state tournament." —Ulen Civic & Commerce.

Burns Motor Company filled its showroom window with the maroon and gold sign "Nuggets, Region Champs, Pickle the Packers." The wording had been changed with each game.

Stanley Sorum was the first one in line for Aitkin tickets. He arrived at 3 a.m. Charles Thorson came at 4:40 a.m., discovered Sorum, Howard Thompson, Arlen Nelson, Courtney Carlson and Dennis Anderson ahead of him.

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Pressed further, he hailed Dick Riedberger, his 6-3 high scoring forward for his point-making and his rebounding. He gives assists on the backboard work to Ron Henrickson and Lyndon Sonju.

Actually, Hawley's success story may be summed up this way:

1—Fine rebounding, on both offensive and defensive boards, especially for a team of not unusual size.

2—Good all-around shooting by Riedberger, both in close and on long jump shots, for a near 20-point average.

3—The ability of Henrickson and Sonju to come through as needed, too, with clutch baskets.

4—The outside marksman-ship of Leigh Gilbertson who is also uncanny at the free throw line. His six gifters kept Hawley in the game the first half of the regional finals.

5—On defense the speed and cleverness to play the zone or the man-to-man with equal effectiveness.

6—For dribbling and floor-work, little Hawley has little 5-5 Duane Halvorson, who seldom shoots but is invaluable all the same. In a way, he's an intangible part of the intangible factors that keep Hawley rolling toward state prep immortality.

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"Enthusied": Sharon Skilene, who does a bit of cheering for the Nuggets, isn't discouraged, might even be said to be enthusiastic as she waves the Hawley colors.

## TICKETS

If Hawley wins Thursday night, some 450 reserve tickets will go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday morning at Hawley elementary school. Only 100 reserve tickets will be available if Hawley loses the first night. Tournament manager Irv Christenson of Concordia college told Supt. S. J. Sonju on Wednesday morning that this is the first time all reserve tickets have been sold before a tournament game (Thursday games). He attributes the tremendous sales to the Hawley Nuggets who have captured the interests of sports fans in northwest Minnesota and eastern North Dakota.



STANLEY SORUM was the first man in line to buy tickets for the Hawley-Aitkin game. He arrived at 3 a.m. Selling the tickets are Supt. S. J. Sonju and Mrs. John Meyer Jr., school secretary.—Photo by Verne Wang, Wadena

## HAWLEY SUPERINTENDENT REWARDED

# Sonju Finds Gold in Nuggets

Special to the Sunday Tribune  
MOORHEAD, Minn.—S. J. Sonju has finally struck gold. And, of course, it has to be with the Nuggets, the aptly-given nickname of the Hawley high school basketball team.

As the former school superintendent at Kennedy, Sonju saw two of his sons, twins Virgil and Vince, play on recent teams which futilely challenged Bemidji for Region Eight title honors.

During the Sonju era, Kennedy won, 65 straight games in the regular schedule of three seasons play but the regional crown still eluded S and K (Sonju and Kennedy).

Virgil and Vince have gone from the high school scene, of course, but their father is still active in the educational field. Only last fall he transferred his allegiance to become super-

intendent at little Hawley, (population 1,200).

With him came another and younger son, Lyndon, whose rebounding and tell-tale baskets helped beat Aitkin 53-51 in the Region Six finals Friday night.

So today Hawley, in the debut season of Coach Lowell Bolger, has its first Region Six as well as its first District 23 championship. And the sports-minded school superintendent is finally getting a chance to cheer for his team—and his son — at the coming state tournament.

One more thing. Since the Sonjus moved southward, they had an unbeaten football team at Hawley, too, last fall. It was 8-0 and then 23-0 in basketball now.

So, as S. J. would say, if he were ungrammatical: "Thar's gold in them thar Nuggets."

you have ever seen a man like Babe Ruth."

It was written in a remarkably clear and flowing hand. Except for the size of the lettering, it could have been written by a girl.

I said to Eddie Bennett, the hump-backed bat boy who brought the note: "Tell him I'll have dinner with him tonight—if I can bring my girl friend."

In very little time I got a phone call backstage. "I'll be delighted to have you both," the Babe's voice boomed. He gave me his hotel and his suite number.

I asked him if there weren't any restaurants in Washington.

"Lord, Miss Hodgson," he replied, plaintively, "I can't go into any restaurant."

"And why not?"

"Because I get mobbed every time I try to eat in a restaurant."

Then his laughter shook the telephone. "Don't worry. You and your girl friend won't have any thing to worry about. My suite'll be lousy with people."

So Bobbie Kane and I had dinner in his suite. And it was lousy with people. People that were utter strangers to me, and people that were virtual strangers to Babe.

My host was morose, and he was drinking. We sat in a corner and I realized that I was hearing the baseball player's version of an unhappy businessman's complaints.

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Lowell Bolger, who has made history in his first year at the Hawley helm, says, "It's guts and the will to win."

Pressed further, he hailed Dick Riedberger, his 6-3 high scoring forward for his point-making and his rebounding. He gives assists on the backboard work to Ron Henrickson and Lyndon Sonju.

Actually, Hawley's success story may be summed up this way:

1—Fine rebounding, on both offensive and defensive boards, especially for a team of not unusual size.

2—Good all-around shooting by Riedberger, both in close and on long jump shots, for a near 20-point average.

3—The ability of Henrickson and Sonju to come through as needed, too, with clutch baskets.

4—The outside marksman-ship of Leigh Gilbertson who is also uncanny at the free throw line. His six gifters kept Hawley in the game the first half of the regional finals.

5—On defense the speed and cleverness to play the zone or the man-to-man with equal effectiveness.

6—For dribbling and floor-work, little Hawley has little 5-5 Duane Halvorson, who seldom shoots but is invaluable all the same. In a way, he's an intangible part of the intangible factors that keep Hawley rolling toward state prep immortality.

## TICKETS

If Hawley wins Thursday night, some 450 reserve tickets will go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday morning at Hawley elementary school. Only 100 reserve tickets will be available if Hawley loses the first night. Tournament manager Irv Christenson of Concordia college told Supt. S. J. Sonju on Wednesday morning that this is the first time all reserve tickets have been sold before a tournament game (Thursday games). He attributes the tremendous sales to the Hawley Nuggets who have captured the interests of sports fans in north-west Minnesota and eastern North Dakota.



STANLEY SORUM was the first man in line to buy tickets for the Hawley-Aitkin game. He arrived at 3 a.m. Selling the tickets are Supt. S. J. Sonju and Mrs. John Meyer Jr., school secretary.—Photo by Verne Wang, Wadena



"Enthusied": Sharon Skilene, who does a bit of cheering for the Nuggets, isn't discouraged, might even be said to be enthusiastic as she waves the Hawley colors.

## HAWLEY SUPERINTENDENT REWARDED

# Sonju Finds Gold in Nuggets

Special to the Sunday Tribune  
MOORHEAD, Minn.—S. J. Sonju has finally struck gold. And, of course, it has to be with the Nuggets, the aptly-given nickname of the Hawley high school basketball team.

As the former school superintendent at Kennedy, Sonju saw two of his sons, twins Virgil and Vince, play on recent teams which futilely challenged Bemidji for Region Eight title honors.

During the Sonju era, Kennedy won, 65 straight games in the regular schedule of three seasons play but the regional crown still eluded S and K (Sonju and Kennedy).

Virgil and Vince have gone from the high school scene, of course, but their father is still active in the educational field. Only last fall he transferred his allegiance to become super-

intendent at little Hawley, (population 1,200).

With him came another and younger son, Lyndon, whose rebounding and tell-tale baskets helped beat Aitkin 53-51 in the Region Six finals Friday night.

So today Hawley, in the debut season of Coach Lowell Bolger, has its first Region Six as well as its first District 23 championship. And the sports-minded school superintendent is finally getting a chance to cheer for his team—and his son — at the coming state tournament.

One more thing. Since the Sonjus moved southward, they had an unbeaten football team at Hawley, too, last fall. It was 8-0 and then 23-0 in basketball now.

So, as S. J. would say, if he were ungrammatical; "Thar's gold in them thar Nuggets."

you have under the evening? Babe Ruth."

It was written in a remarkably clear and flowing hand. Except for the size of the lettering, it could have been written by a girl.

I said to Eddie Bennett, the hump-backed bat boy who brought the note: "Tell him I'll have dinner with him tonight—if I can bring my girl friend."

In very little time I got a phone call backstage. "I'll be delighted to have you both," the Babe's voice boomed. He gave me his hotel and his suite number.

I asked him if there weren't any restaurants in Washington.

"Lord, Miss Hodgson," he replied, plaintively, "I can't go into any restaurant."

"And why not?"

"Because I get mobbed every time I try to eat in a restaurant."

Then his laughter shook the telephone. "Don't worry. You and your girl friend won't have anything to worry about. My suite'll be lousy with people."

So Bobbie Kane and I had dinner in his suite. And it was lousy with people. People that were utter strangers to me, and people that were virtual strangers to Babe.

My host was morose, and he was drinking. We sat in a corner and I realized that I was hearing the baseball player's version of an unhappy businessman's complaints.

This was the beginning of the 1923 season, and Babe was miser-

By CAL OLSON  
Staff Writer

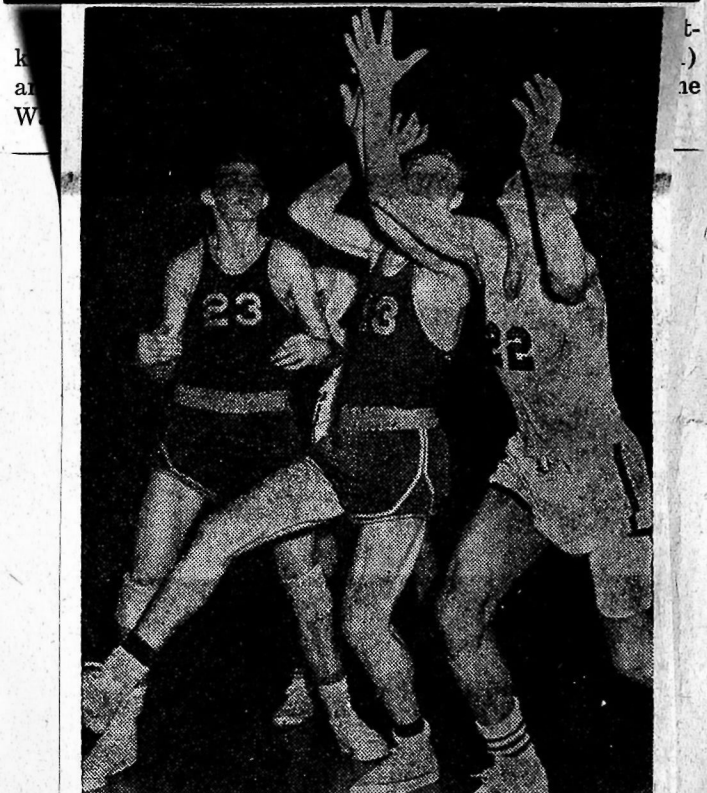
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RON HENRICKSON captains, accept the Reg of Elbow Lake, tournament of Hitterdal school '40's.—Photo by Verne V

## In Accident

# 'Those Wonderful Guys,' Says Hawley Cage Coach

By CAL OLSON  
Staff Writer

Coach Lowell Bolger sat on a dressing room bench. His eyes and nose were red.

From time to time he dabbed at his face with a wet towel.

Around him, Hawley's Golden Nuggets were laughing, shouting, dancing, singing, after winning the Region 6 basketball tournament from Aitkin Friday night in a storybook finish, 53-51.

Bolger's shirt was wet. His tie was torn open. He leaned his elbows on his knees, looked down at the floor and shook his head.

"Those wonderful guys," he said.

He rubbed at his eyes with the towel once again.

Hawley's tournament-winning basketball players settled down, began peeling off their uniforms and headed for the showers.

The dressing room scene was anti-climactic.

For that matter, the championship game was anti-climactic for the Hawley fans who watched their team snatch a close one away from Wheaton Thursday night.

For the most part, the Hawley-Aitkin game was a repeat of Thursday night. Close scoring, the lead moving back and forth between the teams, with Hawley

moving ahead in the last few minutes.

It was as though the Hawley fans had seen it all before. They sat in frozen attitudes, no joy on their faces until the final gun sounded.

Then the Concordia Fieldhouse erupted.

Hawley cheerleaders rushed on to the floor, hugging and kissing the basketball boys.

The boys hugged the girls, hugged each other, yelled at their coach, then sat down on the floor for the presentation ceremonies.

After the Hawley team received its trophy, two boys raised Bolger to their shoulders and rushed toward the dressing room.

As they passed under a balcony where the Hawley band was sitting, they were showered with torn bits of paper.

As Bolger sat on the dressing room bench, fathers of some of the players came in to congratulate the team. It was fairly restrained.

"Dit" Riedberger, father of forward Dick Riedberger, shook hands with the boys. He talked with a doctor who was examining his son's ankle, which had been twisted slightly in a game

during the district playoffs last week.

The ankle was all right, the doctor said.

"Chief" Henrikson came in, gave his son a hug.

Vint McDonald shook hands all the way around.

Merv Heidecker sought out his boy, a reserve player, then headed back toward the door. He had a big grin on his face.

"I wouldn't trade this to be president of the United States!" he said.

And he meant it.

Meanwhile, back in Hawley Friday, the streets were deserted. Friday is the regular night for stores to stay open, but not a light was shining.

Classes were held at Hawley High School Friday and attendance was good. Principal Fred Switzer explained it this way, "We insist on everyone but the team attending classes."

Then he admitted, "Things weren't normal, that's for sure. But the youngsters are trying to save their excitement for the game."

Switzer said he knew of no organized welcome for the Nuggets.

"We don't want to jinx them," he said. "But we do things mighty fast around here and if we win tonight (Friday), anything can happen."

Switzer, who was alone in the school when contacted by The Forum, said that the whole town "was a little edgy" Friday.

Called about 5 p.m., Switzer was asked where everybody else in the school was. He chuckled, "Just where I'm going as soon as you hang up."

Mrs. Vint McDonald, wife of Hawley's No. 1 sports fan, said baby-sitting was a tremendous problem.

"Everybody just had to shift for themselves," she said.

Switzer agreed.

"I bring my two children to a sister in Moorhead," he said.

Switzer said baby-sitters have been spoken for in Hawley for every basketball game since the season began.

"There are a few elderly ladies who baby-sit," he said, "but they've been snapped up long ago."

And a restaurant waitress answered the telephone cheerfully and said enthusiastically, "Good to talk to someone. The way business has been we might as well have closed up."

She added, "You're the second person I've talked to all day."

Then she sighed and said, "But if we win tonight, won't it be wonderful?"

It was, indeed.

Hawley Chamber of Commerce had 200 "Hawley Nugget" signs printed to put on cars of Hawley fans who are driving to the tournament is furnished by members of

Hawley Nuggets received a telegram of best wishes from Mayor P. K. Peterson of Minneapolis, who is a nephew of David Sellin of Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Burrill of Yakima, Wash., and J. M. Alexander of Regina, Sask., phoned the Nuggets to congratulate them on their state tournament trip.

No one in Hawley slept from 11 p.m. to midnight Friday, as if they wanted to. The Village was overrun with honking cars whose passengers worked off steam from the Region 6 victory.

Three-year-old Marsha Topham waved the school colors in the window of General Repair Service after the game Friday night. Sisters Iris, 8, and Pamela, 6, were no help at all. They had measles.

Pat Mueller, the smaller of the two Region 6 referees, who is director of intramural athletics at the University, called Hawley a "team of destiny."

He said Hawley reminds him of the Lynd team of several years ago. "They play as a unit and everybody knows what the other is going to do. They have great spirit and stick together all the time."

Hitterdal band came to Hawley on Monday afternoon. The neighbors played numbers, displayed signs for victory and gave cheers both at school and downtown. "We'll be friends with Hitterdal forever," one Hawley student said.

Whitey Halvorson was asked after the finish what he thought about the game with 1½ minutes to go and Wheaton leading. "I thought we should be ahead," he said.

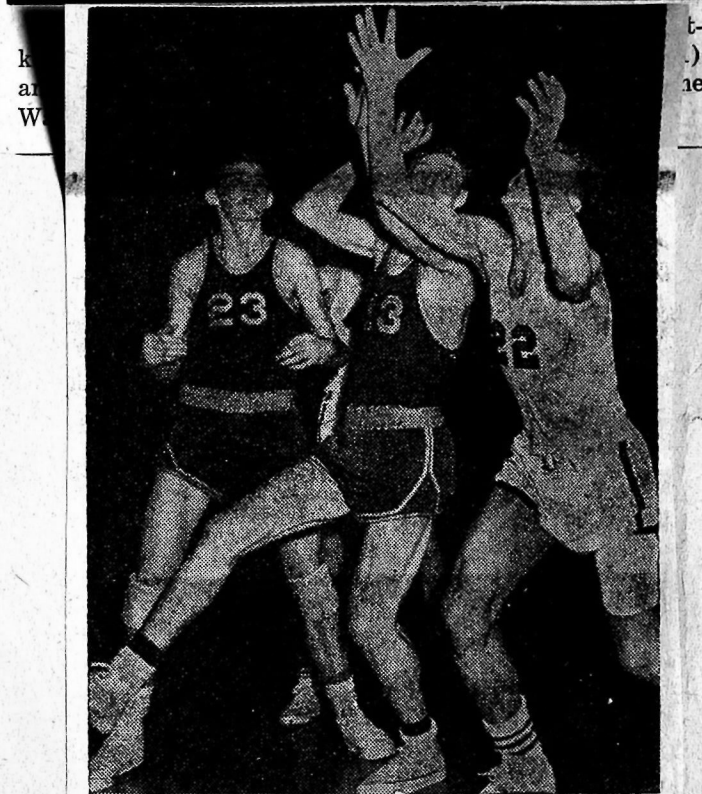
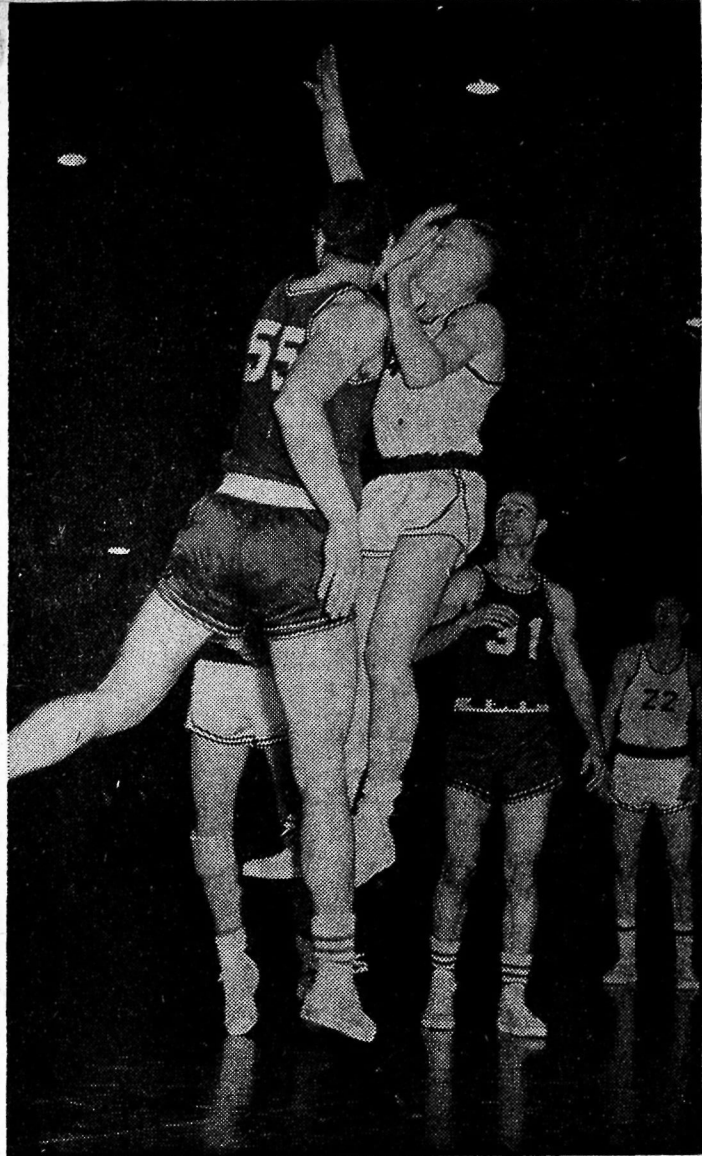
Duane Herbranson, who iced the Wheaton game with two free throws in the last 12 seconds, was in bed when his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Simenson, arrived home. Following morning Herbie greeted Bud with "I bet you thought we were going to lose."

Yes, it's true. Carl Carlson and George Wastvedt were waiting in the fieldhouse lobby after the Aitkin game.

Among those coming from a distance to attend the Regional tournament were Mrs. Herb Arneson and Burtrum Johnson of St. Paul, Dr. Desmond Thysell and Mrs. Louis Hull of Minneapolis, Bill Folger of Glendive, Mont., the Donald Hansons of Babbitt, and Mrs. Norman Roth (Adeline Haugrud) of Alexandria.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hammer of Detroit Lakes, former Hawley residents, sent the Nuggets a congratulatory telegram.

Clifford Sahlberg and Ted Thomson bought steak suppers for the Nuggets and coaches one night last week.



PRAYING FOR RAIN?—Lyndon Sonju (23) watches amazed as Leigh Gilbertson and Lynn Nelson (22) of Wheaton seemingly take time out to do an Indian rain dance. — Forum photo by Cal Olson.



RON HENRIKSON captains, accept the Reg of Elbow Lake, tournament of Hitterdal school '40's.—Photo by Verne

By CAL OLSON  
Staff Writer

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# First Man

"The girls will hand out recipe books at the feed and answer any cooking questions asked of them."

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A feature of this year's pancake feed will be a pancake-eating contest for the small fry who help out at the feed. About 50 youngsters are expected to gulp pancakes as fast as they are lifted off the griddle in an effort to win the first prize — a new bicycle.

The contest will be at 10 a. m. and should provide plenty of excitement and no doubt a few laughs as boosters for the boys cheer them on.

Today, the start of the 8-day greater Moonhead Days celebration, is also the starting gun for the first treasure hunt.

Here is the third clue in treasure hunt No. 1.

"You'll see red, but don't be blue."

"The treasure is near to you."

The first clue:

"With Boreas at your back, Zephyrus are on the track."

And the second:

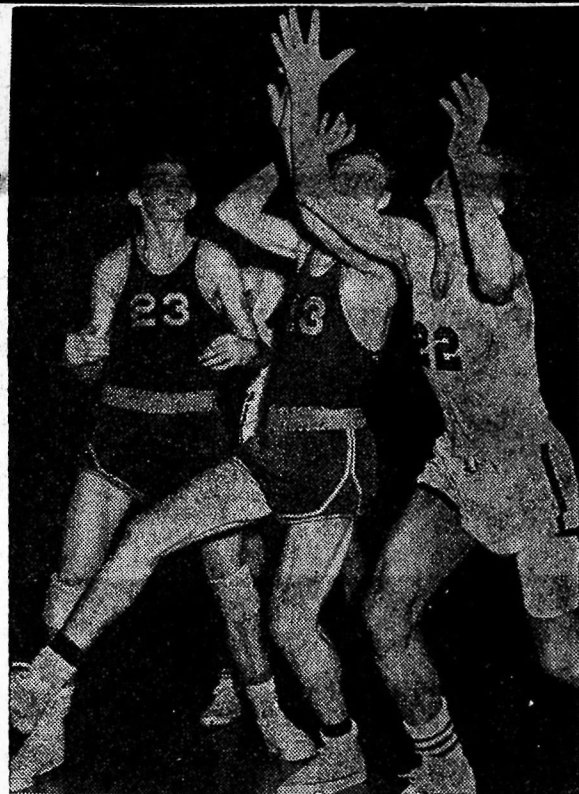
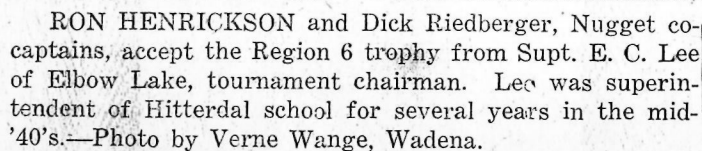
"Once they were legion."

"Now one in this region."

The search for the second 5300 in treasure will start Wednesday.

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Bud Simenson wore the same shirt to all 23 Nugget games. Mrs. Simenson would like to wash it, especially because she has to sit beside him.

Clarence Lee of the Fergus Falls Journal had so much confidence in the Nuggets that he wrote the lead paragraphs of a Hawley victory before the game, left a blank space where he wrote in the score.

Forum reporter and Hawley native Cal Olson also had confidence in the Nuggets. He had a page of Nugget pictures set up before the final game was played. The page, which appeared in the Sunday Fargo Forum, is in today's Herald.

Dazed Coach Bolger, walking around the dressing room after the Aitkin game, shook Duane "Whitey" Halvorson's hand and said, "Nice game, Leigh." Whitey replied with a big grin, "Thanks, Coach."

Mrs. Elwood Henrickson, mother of the Nuggets' Ron Henrickson, said: "I can remember the boys talked about playing in the state tournament even when they were 3rd graders. And five seconds before the end of the Aitkin game, we still weren't certain they would make it."

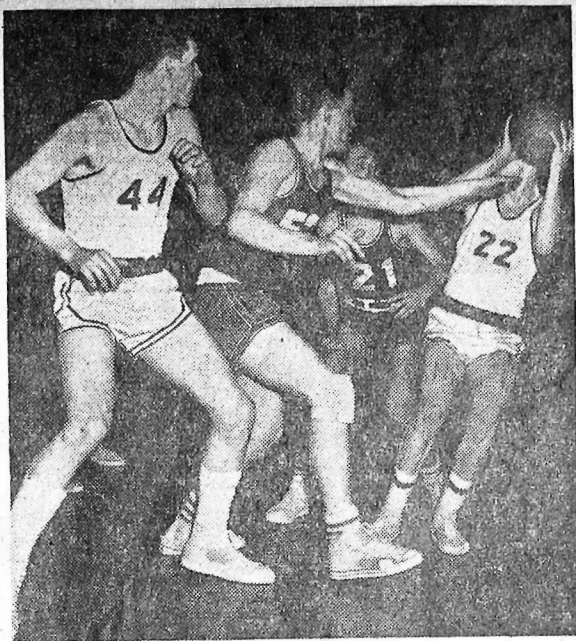
Donald Gilbertson, a 1958 Hawley graduate, already has been treated to two bottles of pop by Hawley fans who mistook him for his younger brother, Leigh, starting Nugget guard.

Jack Arnold made the statement before the tournament, that if the boys won the regional, he would shave off his mustache which he has worn since 1942. Doug Skalin made him sign a statement. Saturday afternoon the operation was performed at Bud Simenson's barber shop before a highly elated crowd.

Ed "Sonny" Gulsvig, Concordia basketball coach, has many friendly ties with Hawley and was backing the Nuggets all the way (except for a neutral position in the Moorhead game). On the Saturday morning "Benchwarmers" program on KVOX he said, "We have never had a game which could top last night's (Hawley-Aitkin) for thrills, excitement and suspense. I was shaking like a leaf."

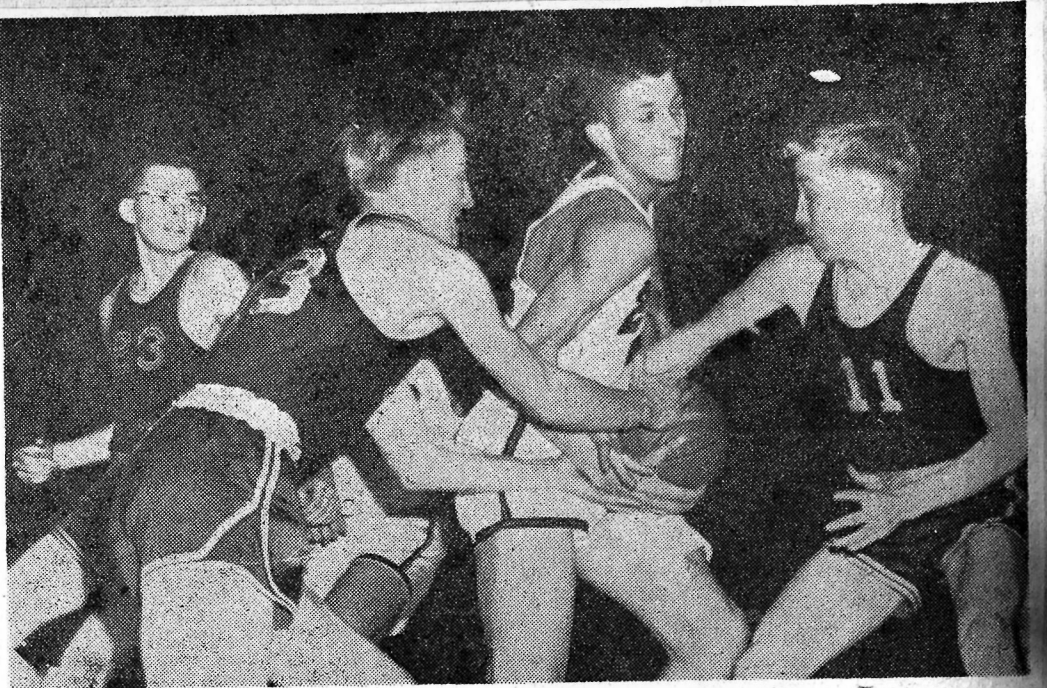
Moorhead Fan: "We could have beaten Hawley with four men; but Hawley wouldn't play with four men."

Coach Bolger said the Nuggets won the championships on "pure guts and the determination to win. They got out and scrapped and fought till the buzzer."



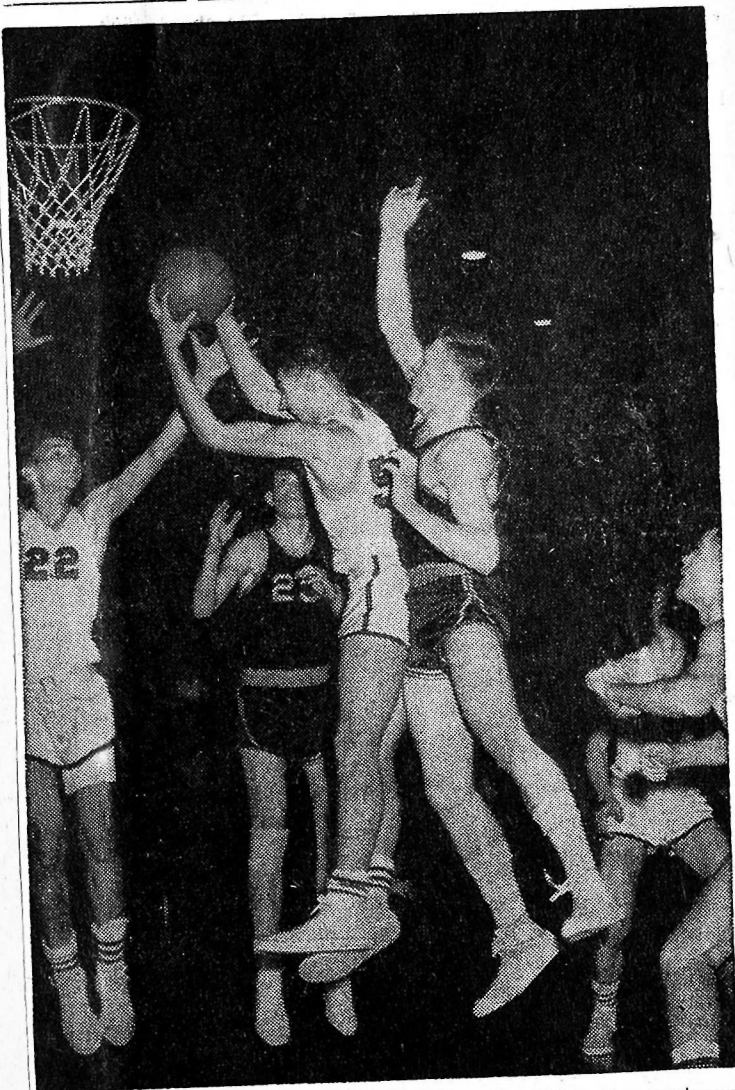
**Peek-A-Boo:** Seemingly hiding behind the ball in the Hawley-Aitkin game is Leigh Gilbertson (22), who manages to keep his face out of camera range—again. No. 44 is Dick Reiderberger, Hawley forward. The Aitkin players are Warren Peterson (53) and Richard Fannemel (21). Hawley won the Region 6 title game, 53-52.

(Forum Photos by Cal Olson)



**FIVE HANDS ON BALL**—This basketball isn't going anywhere. Lyndon Sonju watches while Leigh Gilbertson, Wheaton's Lynn Nelson and Whitey Halvorson wrestle for possession of the ball. Hawley

overcame a 3-point deficit in 1:13 minutes to win 56-53 and enter the regional finals. —Photo by Clarence Lee, Fergus Falls Journal.



**WHEATON'S JUMP SHOT** artist, Lee Hennen, captures a rebound. Others are Lynn Nelson (22), Lyndon Sonju (23), Ron Henrickson, behind Hennen, and Joe Spafford.—Photo by Verne Wange, Wadena.



**BIG NO. 40**—Hawley's Ron Henrickson, receives congratulations from cheerleaders Letty Nelson, Mary Keeping and Irene Hartke after the Aitkin victory. Henrickson made two clutch baskets from outcourt in the hectic final moments.—Photo by Verne Wange, Wadena.

## Keeping In LINE— Pressure Won't Be Strange For Hawley Against Austin

By EUGENE FITZGERALD  
In all the basketball excitement, Hawley's Nuggets seem to be the team everyone in the nearby area, even those who have never seen a Hawley team play, get around to talk about it.



But most everyone is ready to write off Hawley's chances in the state tournament because the Nuggets tackle defending champion Austin in their initial game.

Maybe it would be a favor to the Hawley players if everyone would soft pedal the talk about Austin. The Hawley players may not know that Austin is the champion and the favorite to win it all.

Hawley isn't likely to be under any more pressure against Austin than the Nuggets have been in five successive District 23 and Region 6 games.

Despite this drab outlook, the guess in this corner is that Hawley will show up at Williams Arena at 3:30 Thursday afternoon, ready and willing to play Austin with something more than marbles or chalk at stake.

If Hawley is afraid, it will certainly be a switch. I wouldn't bet that Hawley will beat Austin. But I guess I wouldn't have bet that they'd have beaten Moorhead and Fergus Falls. For that matter, there was some question about Perham, Wheaton and Aitkin.

Hawley doesn't win easily. But they win, and you can't ask more.

Hawley is a difficult team to figure. Certainly Perham, Moorhead, Fergus Falls, Wheaton and Aitkin weren't all about equal. Yet Hawley had trouble with all of them.

Perham gave the Nuggets more trouble than Moorhead or Fergus Falls. Wheaton and Aitkin were tougher to handle than Moorhead or Fergus Falls. It just didn't figure.

Hawley seems to play well enough to win. In basketball, you get the ball every time the other team scores. So Hawley should have the ball as often as Austin. Hawley usually outshoots the opposition by a healthy margin from the free throw line. They count, too, as you know.

Austin figures to be better than anything the Nuggets have faced up to now. But there's no basis for comparison. Austin and Hawley didn't play any common opponents.

Everyone wants to see Austin defeated, except Austin supporters, of course. Hawley will be the sentimental favorite. It's a factor you have to recognize. High school kids are impressionable. It's one of the things the Nuggets are likely to have going for them that Austin will not have.

One of the big tests of a champion is its ability to win the close

ones. Certainly no one will deny that Hawley has done that. Hawley looked like a beaten team more than once in the five district and regional playoff games. But apparently the players didn't believe it.

Hawley seems to know how to win, regardless of the class of its opposition. The Nuggets have had five good lessons on how to win. Maybe they were learned well enough to come in handy against Austin.

While Austin should probably be made the favorite, the Packers will still have to win it.

## Hawley An Underdog, But Not Awed By Austin

By LLOYD SVEEN  
Minnesota Editor

MINNEAPOLIS — The 12 boys carrying the hopes of Hawley into the state basketball tournament today appear to be the calmest people in town.

They do not act like underdogs against the taller, favored Austin players who will face them in Williams Arena at 3:30 p. m.

The champions of Region 6 worked out in the arena, largest basketball hall in the United States, but took the late Wednesday afternoon practice session in stride as if it were just another drill.

"They're ready," Coach Lowell Bolger said when the squad returned to the Curtis Hotel, headquarters for all eight teams in the tournament. "They shot well and their spirits are up. We'll give Austin a good, hard game."

Bolger and the players were swamped with telegrams but the one which brought a happy shout from the coach was this:

"Best of luck to a real fighting team. We're rooting for you. Moorhead High School."

"Wait until they see this," he grinned. "I think I will read it to them just before the game."

Defeating Moorhead in the District 23 tournament still ranks as a high spot in the Golden Nuggets' string of 23-straight victories this year and Hawley School Supt. Sig Sonju said, "That message is a real boost."

Basketball was not avoided while the team put away a ham steak dinner, but the conversation concerned the Minneapolis Lakers and whether their Wednesday night game would be televised or not.

Bolger put the boys under a 10:15 p. m. curfew, so most of them planned to see a movie or

watch the Lakers on television.

The squad has been on its own. "They're good boys, they don't need watching," Bolger said.

"Mostly we have just been poking around," said player Dick Riedberger. "A few of the boys haven't been in Minneapolis before so it's all mighty interesting."

Twin Cities sports writers are watching for a duel between Riedberger, star of the Hawley squad, and Austin's all-state Tom Kezar, but Bolger doesn't plan to put Riedberger against Kezar defensively.

There has been a marked change in the sports stories of the tournament.

Last Sunday the writers rated Austin a heavy favorite to repeat as state champion, but now the scribes are writing about the certainty that Hawley will be the favorite of most of the 18,000 fans, with the distinct possibility of an upset.

"That's exactly what we have been saying in Hawley all along," said Jim Jossart, football coach who drove one of the team cars here.

"Sure there's pressure on our

boys, but there'll be plenty of pressure on Austin too. When you get that many people rooting for the underdog it should help our boys."

Bolger said the big crowds at the Concordia Fieldhouse were helpful in seasoning the squad to pressure.

Most of the boys played in Williams Arena last year when the Nuggets faced St. Paul Murray in a preliminary to a University of Minnesota game.

"That helps but it won't be the same as that big tournament crowd," Bolger said.

Few fans had arrived Wednesday. Most of them are due along with the high school band and student delegation. School buses were due to leave at 6 a. m.

Hawley taxpayers will be picking up part of the cost of the communities' first appearance in a state tournament.

"The State High School League pays for most of the expenses up to 15 people," Sonju said.

"We have 12 players on the team, the coach, assistant coach and manager. Jim (Jossart) and I make two over the limit but we also decided the band and lettermen should come down.

"We'll have a total of almost

## Hawley Folks Draw For Tourney Tickets

HAWLEY, Minn. — Names of 150 "lucky" Nuggetville residents were drawn for tickets to Thursday afternoon's opening game of the Minnesota high school basketball tournament in Minneapolis.

The shortage of tickets to the tournament has tempered some of Nuggetville's joy at being one of Minnesota's eight best high school basketball teams.

There were about 100 fans who did not receive tickets, but Superintendent of Schools Sig Sonju said that a few people from other area towns had offered their tickets to Hawley fans.

Sonju said it was "the most important drawing in Hawley since the draft lottery."

Coach Lowell Bolger and his Golden Nuggets, champions of Region 6, will leave for Minneapolis today at 1:30 p. m. They'll get their first workout in Williams Arena Wednesday at 5:15 p. m. before facing defending champion Austin at 3:30 p. m. Thursday.

Ticket allocations by the Minnesota High School League satisfied neither students nor townspeople.

"The trouble is that there are only 3,200 tickets to be divided

between the eight schools in the tournament," Sonju explained. "Most of the season tickets have been sold long ago."

"Of the 3,200 tickets, each school receives a basic allotment of 50 student and 100 adult tickets. The balance are allocated according to population, and since we're smaller than any town except Carlton we don't get any more."

Sonju swapped 50 afternoon tickets with Carlton, which plays at night, so a few more could see Hawley in the opener. Orders had been placed in advance on the chance Hawley would survive the district and regional tournaments but the school received only 17 of these tickets. The 67-piece band gets 60 tickets—but only for any session in which the Hawley team plays.

A few residents were able to buy tickets from Moorhead people who had ordered in advance.

"We had a meeting at which it was decided that the players' parents, faculty members and school board would get first choice of tickets," Sonju said. "That left the 150 which were drawn by lot."

"If we had sold season tickets for our home games we would have given those buyers first call, but practically everyone in town attended every game including out-of-town games. We sold more tickets during the season than Fergus Falls, Moorhead or Detroit Lakes, so we decided the lottery was the only fair way."

School will be dismissed Thursday and Friday, according to Principal Fred Switzer, with the band and school delegation leaving for Minneapolis in school buses Thursday morning.

Hawley businessmen at a special meeting decided to close their stores all day Thursday.

"So far there are no plans for a caravan going down, but win, lose or draw there'll be a caravan coming back Sunday," Sonju said.

Hawley still isn't overawed by the impressive record of the tall Austin team, favored by most to repeat as champions. "They always get a lot of favorable publicity," Sonju says, "but they didn't get by the season so easily. I think we'll give them a good game."

Under the Minnesota elimination procedure, 490 schools started out in subdistrict and district tournaments.

Four district winners played in eight regional tournaments to pick the finalists for the state event.

Region 6 is the largest in the state with 74 schools.

When the state champion is crowned Saturday night, Minnesota will have one winner and 489 losers.

The experts and the odds say Hawley's Golden Nuggets will become one of the 489 this afternoon, but there are 12 boys here who haven't paid attention to the experts all year and aren't about to begin now.

HAWLEY RESIDENTS were wrung completely dry emotion by Saturday morning. The five tournament games, in which the Nuggets surged ahead in the final minutes to win, sapped the strength of every Hawley fan.

A Hollywood movie writer could not have done a better of plotting the finish.

Hawley is just beginning to come down from the clouds this week and consciously realize that the Nuggets are really one of eight high schools playing for the Minnesota state championship.

This is a dream come true, and a goal which has frustrated all Hawley teams of past years. Many good Nugget teams have failed to get out of the district—sometimes only because of an inferiority complex when facing competition from the big schools.

Two years ago, a crop of cocky Nuggets began to nurture a different attitude. They made a valiant challenge, but lost to an outstanding Detroit Lakes team in a tournament which contained the state's number three team—Fergus Falls.

Last year the Nuggets believed they were ready, but a number of complications and bad breaks held them back. But they showed District 23 fans that a neutral floor the first night against Fergus Falls could have taken the Nuggets to the regional finals against Brainerd, the state runner-up last year.

The Nuggets began this season with the idea of going all the way. They knew that last year they were better than several state tournament teams. This year they intended to prove it.

We talked to a number of the boys during the regular season. They discussed seriously going to the state tournament, and believed they could do it.

And after five pulse-pounding games, the Nuggets did it, and captured the fancy of every sports fan in the state.

The Nuggets should enter the tournament with a good attitude. They have nothing to lose against Austin, and everything to gain.

Austin is the defending champion, and already has been given this year's title by almost everyone in Minnesota—almost everyone

defeats the champs, it will be Hawley.

We believe the Nuggets will stage the upset of the year and knock Austin out of the tournament. We can't bet against a team like the Nuggets.

Supt. S. J. Sonju told the Nuggets at the football banquet last fall, "If you don't play to win, why keep score?"

We are going to keep score. Good luck, Nuggets, we believe you can do it.

HAWLEY MEETS defending state champion and tournament favorite Austin at 3:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in the second of the first round games to be played at Williams Arena.

The winner of this game will be expected to go all the way, despite the fact that the second night opponent is considered tougher than any team in the other bracket.

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Many high school experts who have watched Austin this year argue that there isn't a team in the state capable of staying with the Packers when they mesh their rebound strength with on-target shooting.

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The Golden Nuggets traveled in four cars driven by Coach Lowell Bolger, Supt. Sig Sonju, Pius Lacher and Jim Jossart.

Leaving Hawley at 1:30 p.m., the 12-member squad had an "escort" of about 60 motor vehicles of all types to Detroit Lakes. The caravan included several vehicles filled with musicians.

After checking into their hotel rooms, the boys had dinner and then were on their own until 11 p.m. to see the sights and to attend movies.

Bolger said all the boys were in tip-top condition both physically and mentally, and that they were in high spirits. They are confident of making a good showing.

For most of the youths it was their first visit to the "big city."

The squad worked out in the Hawley gym Tuesday morning.

Late this afternoon they will get their chance to work out at Williams Arena, scene of the Minnesota state high school tournament.

The Nuggets are scheduled to face Austin in the second game of the tourney at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Hawleyites were preparing to leave for Minneapolis late today and early Thursday. Most of them will travel by car.

Tournament tickets, of which there had been a shortage, became more plentiful Tuesday.

They came from many sources, mostly from towns which secured tickets in the hope that their team would be represented in the state classic.

This noon the Hawley squad, along with the seven others in the tournament, will be guests at a luncheon in the Curtis Hotel. It is the annual tribute to the eight regional champions.

In answer to requests, Supt. Sonju before leaving Hawley had offered to act as a clearing house in Minneapolis if additional tickets become available for the Nugget fans. He's quartered at the Curtis along with the players.

**4th Quarter**  
 Henrickson, drive-in on tipoff 44-46  
 McDonald, jumper 46-46  
 Hegna, jumper at ft circle 46-48  
 Moe, rebound and jump 46-50  
 4:30—Riedberger 47-50  
 Moe, jumper at ft circle 47-52  
 3:50—Riedberger, corner jump 49-52  
 3:05—Henrickson, jumper at baseline 51-52  
 Hegna, long jumper 51-54  
 2:40—Henrickson, jumper 53-54  
 Hegna, long jumper 53-56  
 1:58—Riedberger 54-56  
 0:58—Hegna, drive-in 54-58  
 Riedberger, under basket from McDonald 56-58  
 0:35—Hegna 56-59-60

# Game Resumes

**Championship**  
 Carlton started out strong against Wayzata in the finals and held the lead during most of the first half. In the second half, however, Wayzata's pressure on Carlton's small guards began to tell.

The score was tied at 23 with two minutes gone in the 3rd period when Dean Sullivan made a free throw. Don Mueller stole the ball and scored and the Trojans were ahead the rest of the way.

Deciding factors in the 55-41 victory were Wayzata's team balance, poise and rugged full court press which resembled the old C-I, Brainerd and Bemidji teams of past years.

|               | fg        | ft       | pf        | tp        |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Carlton       | 5         | 5        | 2         | 15        |
| North, f      | 2         | 2        | 5         | 6         |
| Martini, f    | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Larson, f     | 6         | 1        | 3         | 13        |
| Pierson, c    | 1         | 1        | 2         | 3         |
| Bjork, g      | 2         | 0        | 4         | 4         |
| Anderson, g   |           |          |           |           |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>41</b> |

|               | fg        | ft        | pf        | tp        |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Wayzata       | 6         | 2         | 3         | 14        |
| Vanman, f     | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         |
| Grieg, f      | 3         | 4         | 4         | 10        |
| Zitzloff, f   | 4         | 2         | 2         | 10        |
| Winkler, c    | 2         | 3         | 1         | 7         |
| Sullivan, g   | 5         | 2         | 2         | 12        |
| Mueller, g    |           |           |           |           |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>55</b> |

Mankato came from behind several times and tied the score at 47-47 with six minutes remaining before losing to Wayzata 57-51.

North St. Paul overcame an early Granite Falls lead, staved off a last quarter rally and won 60-52 with a 44% shooting average for the game.

Youthful Bemidji appeared on its way to victory until it tired in the last quarter and lost to Carlton 66-58.

Wayzata, taking courage from Hawley's great performance against Austin the day before, scored twice with a pressing defense in the 3rd quarter to take the lead, then fended off one Austin rally after another to win 55-52. This game ranked with the Hawley-Austin tilt for thrills and excitement.

Carlton used its height advantage to hold off North St. Paul which cut a 10-point deficit to one point in the last three minutes. Score 50-49 for Carlton.

Bemidji tired in the final quarter and lost to Granite Falls 66-65 in the consolation bracket. The youthful Lumberjacks are heavy favorites to return next year with a more matured squad.

Austin had little trouble swamp-ing North St. Paul 70-47 for 3rd

place. The Packers of continuous stream of r the 2nd half, an exti they did not dare to use the Hawley or Wayzata g

## STATE TOURNEY SCORES

| Championship Bracket |    |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|----|
| Mankato              | 6  | 26 | 40 |
| Wayzata              | 14 | 28 | 45 |
| Austin               | 18 | 31 | 43 |
| Hawley               | 10 | 19 | 37 |
| N. St. Paul          | 12 | 29 | 41 |
| Granite Falls        | 13 | 24 | 34 |
| Carlton              | 14 | 27 | 39 |
| Bemidji              | 12 | 30 | 44 |
| Austin               | 11 | 19 | 34 |
| Wayzata              | 12 | 18 | 36 |
| N. St. Paul          | 8  | 19 | 34 |
| Carlton              | 11 | 22 | 32 |
| Wayzata              | 8  | 19 | 37 |
| Carlton              | 11 | 20 | 27 |
| Consolation Bracket  |    |    |    |
| Hawley               | 17 | 36 | 54 |
| Mankato              | 18 | 35 | 48 |
| Granite Falls        | 17 | 32 | 44 |
| Bemidji              | 20 | 37 | 47 |
| Hawley               | 15 | 29 | 42 |
| Granite Falls        | 14 | 29 | 44 |
| 3rd Place            |    |    |    |
| Austin               | 19 | 34 | 55 |
| N. St. Paul          | 7  | 21 | 33 |

## SEASON RECORDS

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Austin         |  |
| Mankato        |  |
| Granite Falls  |  |
| North St. Paul |  |
| Wayzata        |  |
| Hawley         |  |
| Carlton        |  |
| Bemidji        |  |

# 'We'll Never Forget Trip,' Say Returning Nuggets

By GEORGE McDONALD

"We'll never forget it no matter how long we live." That statement sums up the feelings of every player on the Hawley basketball team as they arrived home at 4 p.m. Sunday.

"The whole trip was a dream come true," said Ron Henrickson, as he got out of the car. "We were treated like kings, but it will be nice to get back to normal though."

Duane Halvorson followed up Henrickson's statement with, "For the last three weeks we have been flying on Cloud Number 7 and it's nice to get back down to earth again."

We left for Minneapolis Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. after almost the entire town turned out to wish us good luck at the pep fest held at the Auditorium.

A caravan of cars escorted us as far as Detroit Lakes where we taped signs on the cars and re-arranged passengers. From there we were on our own and we arrived in the "big city" about 5 p.m. We stayed at the Curtis hotel. Outside of walking around town, our leisure time was spent playing cards, eating, sleeping or using our free pass to the theatres. On Wednesday we practiced on the Williams arena floor for 45 minutes.

Finally the big day arrived. I have always wondered what went through a player's mind as he dressed for his first state tournament game. The big question in our minds was, "Is Austin as good as everybody says?"

During the halftime of the game the players were quiet. They were behind by 12 points, 31-19. Leigh Gilbertson said, "How can we play like this and still be in the game?" Coach Lowell Bolger said, "Sure you are behind by 12 points, but the game isn't over. You can get them back just as fast as you lost them. Go out there and play hard and never give up."

The Nuggets played hard; harder than they ever played before, but time ran out too soon. Dick Riedberger said after the game, "I thought Austin was good, but I knew if we played a good game we could beat them. In the final seconds I thought we could overtake them, but they are good under pressure too."

The team was sad and a few tears were shed. But they showed they were good losers by going into the Austin dressing room to wish them luck.

Lyndon Sonju said, "It's funny how things go. If we would have played just a little better in the first half we might have won."

The next day (Friday) we played Mankato at 2 p.m. They had finished 2nd in the Big 9 conference behind Austin so we knew they were tough. Before the game the team had a surprising amount of spirit. The game was close and hard fought all the way with Hawley winning in the final minutes.

In the consolation finals the team led at times by 10 points, but ran out of gas in the second half and lost to a red hot Granite Falls team by four points.

The players felt worse after losing that one than losing to Austin. The players knew they were the better team, but what hurt most was the fact that if Hawley had won we would have placed two men on the all-state team for sure.

Even so, Henrickson should have made it anyway. On my all-state team both Ron and Dick are members and I'm sure that 80% of the players in the tournament believe the same.

On Sunday morning we started for Hawley. About 4 p.m. we were greeted in Lake Park by some 50 cars. We were surprised to see so many people. It just goes to show that a Hawley sports fan will back you, win or lose.

# Nuggets 3 State Tilts Decided In Final 1/2 Minute, Fans Wilt

Hawley Nuggets won the admiration of everyone at the state tournament, played in three games decided in the last half minute and proved they were in the big league of state high school basketball.

They also proved that although Hawley is the smallest school ever to represent Region 6, it was not the worst one. They played right to the wire in each game, and eliminated a very good Mankato team in the process.

Hawley's Nuggets were two points and less than a minute away from scoring one of the biggest upsets in the history of the state tournament.

But to the many loyal Hawley fans who had followed the Nuggets throughout the season, Austin's perilous one point lead was not a surprise, and victory to them would not have been an upset.

The game was the Nuggets' 6th straight uphill battle. The first half was a bad one for Hawley. They took good shots which should have gone in, but rolled the rim and out again. In the second half, however, the boys shook their jitters and began a deadly attack on the basket which had the 18,002 fans in a continually uproar during the last quarter.

The Nuggets were 16 points behind shortly after the start of the 3rd period, 37-21, when they finally found the range, and with 3:51 minutes remaining in the game, had closed the gap to 52-51.

At this point other Nugget opponents had cracked. Defending champion Austin did not, and the Packers scored every time the Nuggets did.

Austin, with a 58-57 lead, got control of the ball with a half minute remaining. The Nuggets did the only thing possible then—foul and gamble on the free throws.

The gamble didn't work. Clayton Reed and Mike Marineau held up under the pressure and each made two free throws to put Austin in the semifinals and defeat the only undefeated team in the state.

Hawley made only seven out of 32 shots in the 1st half for a cold 21.9% while Austin made 15 out of 40 for 37.5%. In the 2nd half, however, Hawley made 15 out of 32 shots for 46.9% while Austin made 15 out of 32 for 46.9%.

Sonju, under basket 5-8  
Kezar, from corner 5-10  
Gilbertson, drive-in 7-10  
Henrickson 8-10  
Henrickson, tip-in 10-10  
Marineau, under basket 10-12  
Goodwin, rebound 10-14  
Kezar, tapped ball in 10-16  
Reed, jumper 10-18

## 2nd Quarter

Sonju 11-18  
Reed, long shot 11-20  
Reed, near basket 11-22  
Sonju, hook shot 13-22  
Kezar, jumper 13-24  
Kezar, jumper 13-26  
Reed, tip-in 13-28  
Riedberger, hook shot 15-28  
Kezar, drive-in 15-30  
Goodwin 15-31  
Henrickson, 2 ft 16-17-31  
Henrickson, near basket 19-31

## 3rd Quarter

Goodwin, rebound 19-33  
Sonju, drive-in on Henrickson pass 21-33  
Reed, jumper 21-35  
Goodwin, rebound 21-37  
Gilbertson, corner jumper 23-37  
Gilbertson, long jumper 25-37  
Kezar, long set 25-39  
Sonju, 2 ft 26-27-39  
Kezar, set 27-41  
Henrickson from Riedberger 29-41  
Riedberger 30-41  
Henrickson, rebound 32-41  
Kezar, drive-in 32-43  
Henrickson from Gilbertson 34-43  
Gilbertson, long set 36-43

## 4th Quarter

Kezar, long set 36-45  
Marineau, rebound 36-47  
McDonald, drive-in 38-47  
Gilbertson 39-47  
Henrickson, from corner 41-47  
Goodwin, rebound 41-49  
Gilbertson, long jumper 43-49  
Kezar, set 43-51

Jim Storm, from getting rebound shots, but the main problem came from the two guards. Peterson and Jim McArthur were deadly on out-court jump shots throughout the game, but a great defensive game in the 2nd half by Hawley's George McDonald cut down McArthur's effectiveness at both scoring and feeding.

Hawley was much more relaxed against Mankato than during the first game against Austin. Their teamwork also was more cohesive and six buckets were the direct results of good pass plays for lay-ups.

The lead changed hands many times during the game. It was tied 10 times. Hawley led nine times and Mankato eight. All the Nuggets contributed to the victory and Riedberger, with 31 points plus tough rebounding and defensive play, showed the crowd one of the best individual performances of the tournament.

|               | fg | ft | pf | tp |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| Hawley        | 12 | 7  | 0  | 31 |
| Riedberger, f | 5  | 3  | 3  | 13 |
| Henrickson, f | 1  | 1  | 4  | 3  |
| Sonju, c      | 2  | 0  | 1  | 4  |
| Halvorson, g  | 4  | 2  | 1  | 10 |
| Gilbertson, g | 2  | 0  | 1  | 4  |
| McDonald, g   | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2  |
| Braun, c      | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2  |

|         | fg | ft | pf | tp |
|---------|----|----|----|----|
| Totals  | 27 | 13 | 10 | 67 |
| Mankato | 17 | 36 | 54 | 67 |
| Hawley  | 18 | 35 | 47 | 64 |

## MANKATO-HAWLEY

### 1st Quarter

Peterson, jumper at side 0-2  
Gilbertson, jumper at side 2-2  
Riley, rebound 2-4  
McArthur, fast break 2-6  
Riedberger, jumper 4-6  
Peterson, jumper 4-8  
Storm, rebound 6-10  
Riedberger, long jumper 6-12  
McArthur, drive-in 8-12  
Riedberger, jumper 8-14  
Peterson, long jumper 9-10-14  
Halvorson from Riedberger, fast break 12-14  
Sonju 13-14  
Riedberger 14-14  
Peterson, long shot 14-16  
Henrickson, jumper 14-16  
McArthur, jumper 16-18  
Riedberger 17-18

### 2nd Quarter

Henrickson, drive-in 19-18  
and fouls 19-19  
Peterson 21-19  
Henrickson from Sonju 21-19  
Storm, near basket 21-21  
Storm, pivot 21-23

Meyer, set shot 21-25  
Riedberger, jumper 23-25  
Gilbertson, jumper 25-25  
Peterson, jumper from corner 25-27  
Braun, hook shot 27-27  
Riedberger from Gilbertson, fast break 29-27  
Riley, fade-away jumper 29-29  
Henrickson, rebound 31-29  
McArthur, 2 ft 31-30-31  
Gilbertson, jumper 33-31  
McArthur, jumper 33-33  
Henrickson 34-33  
Riedberger, tip-in 36-33  
Storm, rebound 36-35

## 3rd Quarter

Gilbertson, long jumper 38-35  
Meyer 38-36  
Sonju from Halvorson, corner jumper 40-36  
Halvorson, from corner 42-36  
McArthur, jumper 42-38  
Henrickson, long set 44-38  
Storm, ft, but misses second and 44-39  
Meyer, rebounds 44-41  
McArthur 44-43  
Riedberger, 2 ft 45-46-53  
Storm, pivot 46-45  
Riley, jumper 46-47  
Riedberger, jumper 48-47  
Henrickson 49-47  
Riedberger 50-47  
McDonald from Sonju 52-47  
Riedberger, from Sonju, McDonald 54-47  
McArthur 54-48

## 4th Quarter

McDonald, jumper 56-48  
3:50—Riedberger, jumper 58-48  
Meyer, 2 ft 58-49-50  
Riedberger, jumper 60-50  
McArthur, 2 ft 60-51-52  
Peterson 60-54  
4:52—Meyer, 2 rebounds 60-56  
4:24—Meyer fouls out and Henrickson 61-56  
Peterson 61-58  
3:14—Peterson 61-60  
2:39—Riley, jumper 61-62  
2:27—Riedberger 63-62  
Hawley begins ball control 63-63-64  
0:38—McArthur, 2 ft 63-63-64  
0:28—Riedberger, jumper from corner 65-44  
0:03—Gilbertson fouled by Roth and makes both free throws 66-67-64

Hawley Nuggets lost the state consolation championship 60-56 to Granite Falls on Saturday night at Williams arena in Minneapolis to finish the season with a 24-2 record. Granite's all-stater Gerald Hegna dropped two free throws with 35 seconds to go to give them a 4-point advantage. The Nuggets took several shots after that but were unable to score.

The Nuggets were tired after playing two of the biggest tournament teams the previous days, and didn't have enough stamina left to carry them past a team which they matched physically. Despite this, however, it was the sensational outcourt shooting of Hegna in the last three minutes which kept the Nuggets from victory.

Before that, Granite's forward, Rollie Moe, kept his team even with Hawley by sinking turn-around jump shots behind the free throw circle. If either Hegna or Moe had an ordinary night, Hawley would have won.

The Nuggets held a 29-22 lead midway in the 2nd quarter and then did not score a field goal until the middle of the 3rd period. While Hawley watched their shots roll away and score only one point, Granite scored 16, then moved

ahead to a 39-32 advantage. Hawley rallied and tied the score at 46-46, but never regained the lead again.

Ron Henrickson starred for the Nuggets, scoring 26 points, plus playing a rugged game on the boards.

Hawley made 19 out of 59 attempts for a 32.2% game average compared to 26 out of 71 or 36.6% for Granite Falls. By halves Hawley shot 9-26 for 34.6% and 10-33 for 30%, while Granite made 13-38 for 34.2% and 13 for 33 for 33.3%.

|               | fg | ft | pf | tp |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| Hawley        | 5  | 5  | 4  | 15 |
| Riedberger, f | 11 | 4  | 2  | 26 |
| Henrickson, f | 3  | 3  | 3  | 9  |
| Sonju, c      | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| Halvorson, g  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Gilbertson, g | 0  | 2  | 1  | 2  |
| Braun, c      | 1  | 2  | 5  | 4  |
| McDonald, g   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Harbranson, g | 20 | 16 | 16 | 56 |

|                | fg | ft | pf | tp |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|
| Totals         | 10 | 2  | 3  | 22 |
| Granite Falls  | 1  | 0  | 4  | 2  |
| Moe, f         | 1  | 3  | 3  | 5  |
| Benson, f      | 9  | 2  | 3  | 20 |
| H. Anderson, c | 4  | 1  | 2  | 9  |
| Hegna, g       | 1  | 0  | 1  | 2  |
| K. Anderson, g | 26 | 8  | 16 | 60 |
| Hemingson, g   | 15 | 29 | 42 | 56 |
| Totals         | 14 | 29 | 44 | 60 |

## GRANITE FALLS-HAWLEY

### 1st Quarter

Henrickson, drive-in 2-0  
Moe, jumper 2-2  
Hegna, long jumper 2-4  
Sonju, jumper from Henrickson 4-4  
Riedberger from Halvorson 6-4  
Henrickson, corner jump 8-4  
Henrickson from Gilbertson 10-4  
K. Anderson, jumper 10-6  
Sonju 11-6  
Moe, jumper 11-8  
H. Anderson 11-9  
K. Anderson 11-10  
Braun, 2 ft 12-13-10  
K. Anderson, jumper 13-12  
Moe, rebound 13-14  
Henrickson, drive-in 15-14

### 2nd Quarter

Sonju, 2 ft 16-17-14  
Henrickson, corner jumper 19-14  
Hegna, corner jumper 19-16  
Henrickson, rebound 21-16  
Riedberger, corner jumper 23-16  
Henrickson, 2 ft 24-25-16  
Moe, pivot and jump 25-18  
H. Anderson, hook 25-20  
Riedberger, fake and jump 27-20  
Hegna, jumper 27-22  
McDonald, 2 ft 28-29-22  
Moe, rebound 29-24  
Benson, jumper 29-26  
Hegna, drive-in 29-28  
H. Anderson 29-29

### 3rd Quarter

Henrickson 30-29  
Moe; turn around and jump 30-31  
Hegna, long set 30-33  
Moe 30-34  
Moe, jumper 30-36  
Moe, jumper 30-38  
Sonju, corner jump 32-38  
Moe 32-39  
Sonju from Henrickson 34-39  
Riedberger 35-39  
Henrickson, drive-in 37-39  
K. Anderson, jumper at ft circle 37-41  
Henrickson, jumper 39-41  
Henrickson 40-41  
K. Anderson, jumper at ft circle 40-43  
H. Anderson 40-44  
Riedberger, 2 ft 41-42-44

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# 10 Years Ago Nuggets Played In State Basketball Tournament

Ten years ago this week Hawley was gripped with one of the most serious epidemics in its history - basketball fever.

That week 12 Hawley Nuggets had spun a 23 game winning streak into a trip to the state basketball tournament, and being the smallest school in the tourney, they had a big majority of the state's fans backing them.

The Nuggets that year overpowered everyone on the regular season schedule, won the Heart O' Lakes and Minn-Dak Conferences and marched through three District 23 and two Region 6 tournaments.

Hawley at that time was only the second small school, besides Barnesville in 1948, to win the District 23 championship. Pelican Rapids this year is the third team.

At that time Hawley was the smallest school to win the Region 6 title and continues to share that distinction with Henning. The Nuggets also are only the third school in District 23 to play in the state tournament. Moorhead has represented District 23 thirteen times and Fergus Falls once.

The Nuggets didn't exactly upset anyone on the way to the state that year. Many writers around the state listed Hawley among the top 20 schools with the best chances to make the big tourney (even a Herald sports writer got that far out on the limb).

The reason, of course, was that Hawley had the horses. They had some of the greatest high school athletes ever corralled at the same time on one team (eight of them lettered in athletics in college).

Hawley's weak point was the lack of a big man, but they were husky, quick and knew how to play the game better than some 500 other teams in the state.

Their teamwork was outstanding and their shooting was incredible. The 12-man squad shot 51.8 percent from the floor during the regular season, and the reserves saw plenty of action that year to keep the score within a reasonable margin. The reserves could shoot too.

Coach Lowell Bolger, now assistant at Moorhead High, started his first year of coaching that season after starring in the sport at Moorhead High and

Moorhead State College.

After one week of practice, he figured he had a state tournament team in the making and told them so. One night after practice in December, The Herald reporter remembers Whitey Halvorson and Leigh Gilbertson saying they WERE going to play in the state tournament.

But in the opening game of the District 23 tournament, it didn't look like the Nuggets were going anywhere except home after the game.

Shocked Hawley fans watched a good Perham team take a 46-44 lead with only 3:45 remaining in the game. The Nuggets got on track in those final moments, however, and won 58 to 50.

Some 5,600 screaming fans were present the next night to watch Hawley defeat Moorhead 56 to 45. Moorhead boasted one of its strongest teams in history. (It was ranked 10th and Hawley 17th in the final state-wide poll before district tournaments began.)

The game was a real bruising physical match between two well-muscled teams. Each team had an all-state football player in the starting lineup, tackle Loren Johnson of Moorhead and fullback Dick Riedberger of Hawley.

In the third quarter a collision between Moorhead's Dale Lamski and Riedberger saw Lamski knocked cold while Riedberger received a severe ankle injury which hampered him for the rest of the season.

Moorhead held two two-point leads at the start of the final period before the Nuggets began a surge which completely dominated the last seven minutes for a decisive win.

Fergus Falls was trying for its third straight trip to the region on the following night. It looked like the Otters were on the way again until the middle of the third quarter when the Nuggets gained the lead.

From then on it was downhill all the way and the more Hawley scored, the louder the jam-packed crowd in the fieldhouse yelled. When Hawley seized the lead, about 75 percent of the crowd rose to its feet and roared during the entire timeout called by the Otters.

Fergus tried a fullcourt press in the final quarter, and was torn apart by the quick passing

Nuggets who won the title game 53-38.

Wheaton entered one of its strongest teams in the Region 6 tournament that year, and was probably the smartest team the Nuggets faced during the season. The lead whipsawed for 3½ quarters before doom threatened Hawley when Riedberger left with five personal fouls and a swelling the size of an orange on his ankle.

But the Nuggets staged another one of their famous rallies after trailing 50-47 with 5:01 to go. Ron Henrikson made two free throws, plus a three-point play, Leigh Gilbertson got a bucket and Duane Herbranson iced the contest with two free throws at 0:12 to give the Nuggets a 56-53 win.

In the Region 6 championship game the Nuggets trailed the big boys from Aitkin by four points with five minutes to go. But the Nuggets apparently were waiting for the final period. While Aitkin made only one of 14 shots, the Nuggets made five of 11 and won 53-51 before 5,800 fans.

State tournament pairings that year were Mankato against Wayzata, Austin against Hawley, Carlton against Bemidji and Granite Falls against North St. Paul.

First round winners were Wayzata, Austin, Carlton and North St. Paul. Wayzata upset Austin and then bombed Carlton to win the title while Austin finished third.

Austin was the defending state champion and was favored to repeat. They had some giants in the front ranks and two long shot artists in the back court, plus a bench a mile high and a half mile wide.

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# 10 Years Ago Nuggets Played In State Basketball Tournament

Ten years ago this week Hawley was gripped with one of the most serious epidemics in its history - basketball fever.

That week 12 Hawley Nuggets had spun a 23 game winning streak into a trip to the state basketball tournament, and being the smallest school in the tourney, they had a big majority of the state's fans backing them.

The Nuggets that year overpowered everyone on the regular season schedule, won the Heart O' Lakes and Minn-Dak Conferences and marched through three District 23 and two Region 6 tournaments.

Hawley at that time was only the second small school, besides Barnesville in 1948, to win the District 23 championship. Pelican Rapids this year is the third team.

At that time Hawley was the smallest school to win the Region 6 title and continues to share that distinction with Henning. The Nuggets also are only the third school in District 23 to play in the state tournament. Moorhead has represented District 23 thirteen times and Fergus Falls once.

The Nuggets didn't exactly upset anyone on the way to the state that year. Many writers around the state listed Hawley among the top 20 schools with the best chances to make the big tourney (even a Herald sports writer got that far out on the limb).

The reason, of course, was that Hawley had the horses. They had some of the greatest high school athletes ever corralled at the same time on one team (eight of them lettered in athletics in college).

Hawley's weak point was the lack of a big man, but they were husky, quick and knew how to play the game better than some 500 other teams in the state.

Their teamwork was outstanding and their shooting was incredible. The 12-man squad shot 51.8 percent from the floor during the regular season, and the reserves saw plenty of action that year to keep the score within a reasonable margin. The reserves could shoot too.

Coach Lowell Bolger, now assistant at Moorhead High, started his first year of coaching that season after starring in the sport at Moorhead High and

Moorhead State College.

After one week of practice, he figured he had a state tournament team in the making and told them so. One night after practice in December, The Herald reporter remembers Whitey Halvorson and Leigh Gilbertson saying they WERE going to play in the state tournament.

But in the opening game of the District 23 tournament, it didn't look like the Nuggets were going anywhere except home after the game.

Shocked Hawley fans watched a good Perham team take a 46-44 lead with only 3:45 remaining in the game. The Nuggets got on track in those final moments, however, and won 53-50.

Some 5,600 screaming fans were present the next night to watch Hawley defeat Moorhead 56 to 45. Moorhead boasted one of its strongest teams in history. (It was ranked 10th and Hawley 17th in the final state-wide poll before district tournaments began.)

The game was a real bruising physical match between two well-muscled teams. Each team had an all-state football player in the starting lineup, tackle Loren Johnson of Moorhead and fullback Dick Riedberger of Hawley.

In the third quarter a collision between Moorhead's Dale Lamski and Riedberger saw Lamski knocked cold while Riedberger received a severe ankle injury which hampered him for the rest of the season.

Moorhead held two two-point leads at the start of the final period before the Nuggets began a surge which completely dominated the last seven minutes for a decisive win.

Fergus Falls was trying for its third straight trip to the region on the following night. It looked like the Otters were on the way again until the middle of the third quarter when the Nuggets gained the lead.

From then on it was downhill all the way and the more Hawley scored, the louder the jam-packed crowd in the fieldhouse yelled. When Hawley seized the lead, about 75 percent of the crowd rose to its feet and roared during the entire timeout called by the Otters.

Fergus tried a fullcourt press in the final quarter, and was torn apart by the quick passing

Nuggets who won the title game 53-38.

Wheaton entered one of its strongest teams in the Region 6 tournament that year, and was probably the smartest team the Nuggets faced during the season.

The lead whipsawed for 3½ quarters before doom threatened Hawley when Riedberger left with five personal fouls and a swelling the size of an orange on his ankle.

But the Nuggets staged another one of their famous rallies after trailing 50-47 with 5:01 to go. Ron Henrikson made two free throws, plus a three-point play, Leigh Gilbertson got a bucket and Duane Herbranson iced the contest with two free throws at 0:12 to give the Nuggets a 56-53 win.

In the Region 6 championship game the Nuggets trailed the big boys from Aitkin by four points with five minutes to go. But the Nuggets apparently were waiting for the final period. While Aitkin made only one of 14 shots, the Nuggets made five of 11 and won 53-51 before 5,800 fans.

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# Home Folks Plan 'Red Carpet' Welcome Hawley Loses To Granite Falls, 60-56

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They are the champions to the home folks for their great showing, not only in the state classic, but throughout the season.

The team and Hawley fans plan to leave here about 10 a.m. today. They will be met by a motor caravan at Lake Park for a triumphant trip back to Hawley.

The consolation final was a typical heart-stopping Hawley-type game, with the outcome in doubt up to within 1 minute and 13 seconds of the final whistle.

At that time Granite Falls was ahead by only two points, 56-54.

But the ball refused to drop in for the Nuggets and they missed

a flurry of last-minute free throws.

Granite Falls took the honors.

In many respects the game was anti-climactic, but the relatively sparse crowd still cheered for Hawley, their sweethearts.

With the Hawley band back home, Hawley's organized cheering squad consisted of only seven girls and their five cheerleaders.

However, the team will be welcomed home in red carpet style because, as Forrest (Dit) Riedberger said, "After all, with a couple of breaks, we could have defeated Austin and have been in the championship bracket."

"But it was a couple of breaks in the district and regional competition which brought us here, so we are mighty proud to be the sixth best team in a state with 490 high schools."

For the Hawley players, Saturday night's game ended the biggest week in their lives.

All agreed with Steve Heideck-

er, reserve forward who saw the tournament from the bench, when he said, "This tournament is a tremendous setup. Everyone has treated us fine, the meals, are good, the rooms are fine and the games are great."

"You don't mind sitting on the bench when you see players like Reidberger and Henrickson out there. It's just nice to win and you're real proud."

"I'm a junior, so maybe I'll get my chance next year. It's good experience to be here and it has been good experience for the 'B' squad to play a state tournament team."

Ronald Henrickson said he didn't hear the crowd of 18,000 until near the end of the game against Austin.

"When you get out there you don't think about the people, but hearing all of those cheers for us really helped. In comparison, it wasn't much different than playing in the regional when all those people were in the Concordia Fieldhouse."

Dick Reidberger thought the biggest difference was the officiating in the state tournament.

"I don't think it was as good as in the district or regional," he said.

"For instance, we got three double-dribbling calls in the Austin game that we had never

## —GRANITE FALLS—

Broad-shouldered Jerry Hegna scored the last seven points for Granite Falls to defeat Hawley 60-56 for the state high school basketball consolation championship Saturday night at Williams Arena.

Hegna picked up 10 of his 20 points in the last period with three long jump shots, a drive-in and two free throws.

While Granite Falls was shooting 34.7 per cent on 26 field goals in 72 attempts, the defensive work of Paul Benson was equally important. Benson, who asked Coach Len Espeland before the game if he could guard Hawley ace Dick Reidberger, held his man to five baskets and 15 points.

Granite Falls broke out of a 29-29 tie early in the second half when Hegna and Rollie Moe hit in succession for a 33-29 lead. That margin lasted until George McDonald put Hawley ahead 46-44 with a jump shot just as the fourth period opened.

Hegna's long shot tied it at 46-46, and Lyle Hemingson sent Granite into its final lead with a side shot. When Rollie Moe gave the Region Three champs a 50-46 advantage, Reidberger cut it with a free throw but Moe hit again from the circle.

Ron Henrickson twice brought Hawley within one point in the last three minutes, but each time Hegna countered for Granite Falls. His drive-in with 58 seconds left provided the winning margin.

| Granite Falls (60) |    |    |    | Hawley (56) |    |    |    |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-------------|----|----|----|
|                    | fg | ft | tp |             | fg | ft | tp |
| Moe                | 11 | 1  | 2  | Riedberger  | 5  | 5  | 2  |
| Benson             | 1  | 0  | 4  | Henrickson  | 11 | 4  | 2  |
| Hemingson          | 1  | 0  | 1  | Sonju       | 3  | 3  | 9  |
| HAnderson          | 1  | 2  | 3  | Gilbertson  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Hegna              | 9  | 2  | 3  | Braun       | 0  | 2  | 1  |
| KAnderson          | 4  | 1  | 2  | Halvorson   | 0  | 0  | 1  |
|                    |    |    |    | McDonald    | 1  | 2  | 4  |
| Totals             | 27 | 6  | 15 | Totals      | 20 | 16 | 10 |
| Granite Falls      | 14 | 15 | 16 | Hawley      | 15 | 14 | 13 |
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HAWLEY cheerleaders stuck to their team through Saturday night's consolation game at the Minnesota high school basketball tournament. But even this devoted support couldn't boost Hawley into a win—the team lost

60 to 56 to Granite Falls, itself a victim of the tournament elimination. (OTHER TOURNAMENT Pictures and Stories—Page 1B, Peach Sports Section.)

MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JOHN CROFT

## Scribes Name Riedberger To WCCO All-State Team

Dick Riedberger of Hawley is among 13 outstanding high school basketball stars from all parts of Minnesota named to the 1958-59 WCCO radio all-state basketball team of the year Thursday evening on WCCO radio's "Prep Parade."

This 3rd annual dream team lineup of Minnesota high school cagers, selected from the nominations of a state-wide advisory board of eight newspaper sports editors, is the third all-state team of the year so honored in 1958-59, the first being the 22-man football team named on "Prep Parade" on Nov. 20, the second being the all-state hockey team announced on the program March 5. All players were picked on the basis of season-long performances.

Members of the all-state basketball team are to be honored at a WCCO radio awards dinner to be held Saturday at Coffman Memorial Union on the University campus. Other special guests will include the basketball coach of the year, all-state football team, football coach of the year, hockey team of the year, hockey coach of the year and the directors of the basketball and football bands of the year and of the bands of the week.

Following is the WCCO radio all-state basketball team of the year:

| Position | Player        | School              |
|----------|---------------|---------------------|
| Forward  | Dennis Harvey | Willmar             |
| Forward  | Bob Bateman   | International Falls |
| Forward  | Bill Gaslin   | Wadena              |
| Forward  | Jay Kessler   | Redwood Falls       |
| Forward  | Dave Erickson | Duluth Cathedral    |

Guard—Dick Riedberger, Hawley  
Center—Gary Kleven, Westbrook  
Center—Vern Strand, St. Louis Park  
Center—Eric Magdenz, Minneapolis South  
Guard—Sam Skarich, Keewatin  
Guard—Tom Kezar, Austin  
Guard—Bob Glas, Bemidji  
Guard—Mark Aamot, Jackson

comparable to either Austin or Mankato, and the boys counted on bringing home that trophy.

Fatigue played a big part in that defeat, however. The Nuggets had played two of the biggest teams in the tournament, and had little strength left in the final one. Despite this, it took some sensational outcourt shooting by the opponents in the last two minutes to defeat the Nuggets.

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THE HUNDREDS of fans from Hawley who attended the tournament know what a terrific job the boys did. They competed against the best teams in the state and proved that Hawley was one of them. None of the three games in which they played was decided until the last half minute or less.

The Nuggets were in the "tough" bracket as shown by results in the Wayzata-Carlton and Austin-North St. Paul games.

We believe that any of these teams would have gone to the finals if they had been in the other bracket. As it was, Hawley was played out by the third night.

The Nuggets' dressing room seemed more like a morgue after the Granite Falls game. The boys regarded themselves as complete failures.

We believe, however, that given a little time the boys will be as cheerful as ever. They should remember there are only five teams in the state which rank higher than the Nuggets, while 480 others are below them.

They are the 6th best team in the state, they played like champions all the way, they have a 24-2 season record, they are the best team Hawley has ever produced, and they have brought more favorable publicity to Hawley in the last few weeks than everything else combined in the history of the Village.

## Dick Riedberger Named To State Tourney Team

Dick Riedberger of Hawley was named to the 12-man all-tournament team in ceremonies held Saturday night at conclusion of the state tourney at Williams arena. Members of the squad are:

### Guards

Tom Kezar, 6-2, sr., Austin  
Mike Marineau, 5-11, sr., Austin  
Dean Sullivan, 6-1, sr., Wayzata  
Don Mueller, 5-11, sr., Wayzata  
Jim McArthur, 5-9, sr., Mankato  
Bob Glas, 5-8, jr., Bemidji

### Center

John Pierson, 6-3, sr., Carlton

### Forwards

Dick Riedberger, 6-2½, sr., Hawley  
Fred North, 6-4, sr., Carlton  
Don Arlich, 6-2, soph., N. St. Paul  
Larry Hansen, 6-0, jr., N. St. Paul  
Gerald Hegna, 5-11, jr., Granite Falls

## 3 Nuggets Named To Scribe's Team

Three Hawley Nuggets were named to the 8-man Region 8 tournament team selected by Don Engberg of Detroit Lakes Tribune and Ralph Anderson, Detroit Lakes Record.

They are Dick Riedberger, Ron Henrickson and Lyndon Sonju of Hawley; Alvin Buss, Art Doten and Warren Peterson of Aitkin, Lee Hennen and Dick Jacobson of Wheaton.

ay, March 26, 1959

## Henrickson, Vanman On Herald's All-State Team

How can the tournament officials decide that each year there are 12 boys who played better than the others in the tournament?

It seems reasonable that some years there are not 12 boys deserving the award, and other years there are more. Then why do the officials hold fast year after year to picking only 12 boys which automatically discriminates against several outstanding boys?

Two boys omitted from the tournament team this year were definitely so outstanding that many of those sitting along the press radio row were just plain mad when they heard the choices.

The two boys were Ron Henrickson of Hawley and Bo Vanman of Wayzata.

The officials must have been out for lunch when Hawley was playing its three tournament games. Henrickson scored 55 points, one less than the tournament leaders, Dick Riedberger of Hawley and

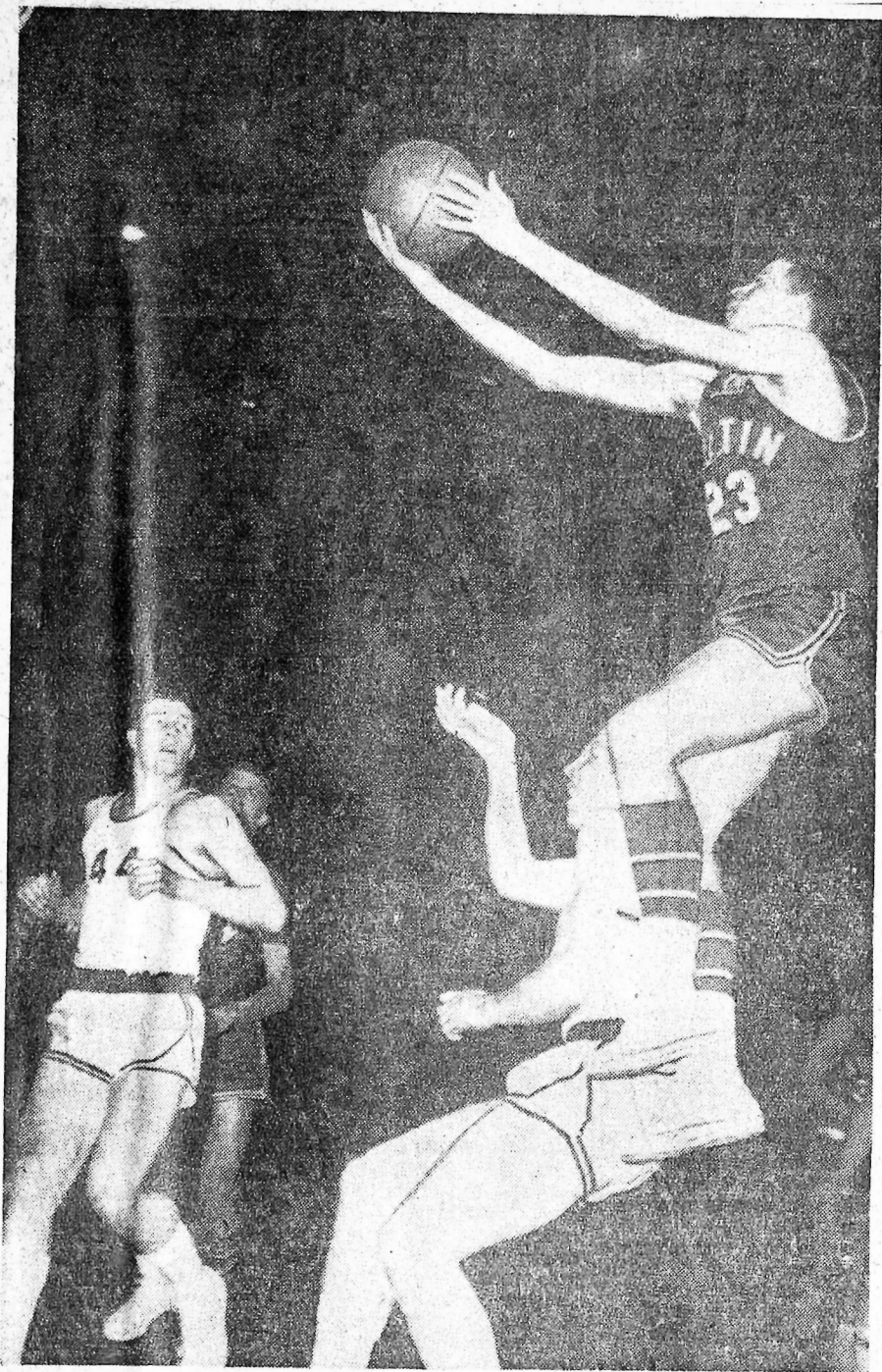
John Pierson of Carlton. At the same time he limited his three opponents to a total of 12 points. Henrickson also was one of the tournament's leading rebounders, and committed only seven fouls.

Vanman, who scored 43 points for the champions, was a steady performer all the way with 14, 15 and 14 points during the three games. He also was one of the top ball handlers and most aggressive defensive players while committing only seven personals.

The championship team deserved three all-stars. Vanman was the equal of the 12 selected, and obviously deserved a spot.

The Herald throws little weight in state circles, but it has selected its own state tournament team—the 12 named by the committee, plus the following two boys who were callously left out:

Ron Henrickson, 6-2, sr., Hawley  
Bo Vanman, 6-2, sr., Wayzata



**High and In:** Mike Marineau (23) of Austin runs high to shoot this layup and add two points to the Packers' total in the first period of Thursday's first-round game against Hawley in the Minnesota state high school basketball tournament

at Williams Arena at the University of Minnesota. Trying to block the shot are Hawley's Ron Henrickson and Dick Riedberger (44). Austin, the defending champion, had trouble before edging the Nuggets, 62 to 57.



**THESE TWO ROOTERS** from Hawley vented their enthusiasm in Minneapolis near the end of the game. It wasn't quite enough to pull them out of the first state tournament appearance. There was so much difference in referees. Some would call real close and others would let you fight for the ball. You had to watch yourself.

High up near the soaring roof of Williams Arena, where the players on the court below look as small as on a television screen, Sandra Erickson, Dean Whaley and Eugene Jetvig were cheering the Nuggets.

"We're real proud of them—they're wonderful," Sandra said, while the two boys stamped happily at another Hawley score.

"They've played wonderful all the time and we're just happy that we got to the state tournament," Sandra added.

While the afternoon crowd Friday was small compared to the two 18,000 crowds Thursday, the Nuggets still were sweethearts.

Carlton is the smallest town represented in the tournament, but Carlton didn't get the massive roar when the crowd switched to Hawley earlier.

The arena was fairly well filled for the second half of the Hawley-Mankato game and while the volume wasn't as deafening, Friday's rolling shout for the Golden Nuggets was a primitive sound which tore at the eardrums and crawled up the spine.

George McDonald, who came off the bench to spark Hawley's rally against Austin, said, "It was the greatest feeling of my life" to get into a tournament game.

"It was a lot of fun. The crowd didn't bother me. I guess I was just mad that we were behind by 16 points, so it seemed like it was just another scrimmage like when we play the first team. It was great."

Duane Halvorson, smallest player on the squad at 5 feet 6 inches, said Austin and Mankato "were a lot tougher than any teams we have played so far."

Halvorson said the raised floor at Williams Arena also felt different because "there is a lot of 'give' to it compared to the Concordia floor. But your legs don't get as tired once you get used to it."

Halvorson said the big crowd made him and several of the boys nervous during the warm-up, "but once you start playing it's the same as any other game."

Leigh Gilbertson agreed, saying he didn't think the crowd has as much to do with pressure as the game itself.

"If you're up there for a free throw and you know that your basket can tie the game the pressure is just as great with 800 fans as with 18,000," he said.

Coach Lowell Bolger said he's happy with his first year in coaching.

"I had no idea it would turn out this way. Those kids are wonderful. This has been a great experience for us all and we'll have a good start next year with seven boys back. It's been just wonderful."

Bolger is probably the youngest coach in tournament history.

Hawley's season wound up 24-2, the two defeats coming at Minneapolis.

# Hawley Nips Mankato, 67-64, To Reach Consolation Final

By LLOYD SVEEN  
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MINNEAPOLIS — Still the sweethearts of the Minnesota state high school basketball tournament, Hawley's Golden Nuggets gave their loyal fans another breath-taking game Friday before

winning over Mankato, 67-64, to reach the consolation final.

"We're the sixth best team in the state right now and Saturday night we'll be the fifth best," shouted Forrest (Dit) Riedberger.

"I hope we play Bemidji," said

Coach Lowell Bolger as he led his happy cagers toward the dressing room while teams from Bemidji and Granite Falls took the floor for the second afternoon game in the consolation series.

But Bemidji lost to Granite Falls, 66-65. So the Nuggets begin their fight for fifth place against Granite Falls at 6 p.m. today.

That game will be followed by the third place game at 7:25, with the championship struggle at 9.

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The victory over Mankato left most Hawley fans too weak to think as far ahead as tonight.

"That was a squeaker—they had no business making it that tough," said R. B. Leverson.

"If they just wouldn't make us wait so long it wouldn't be so tough on the heart," grinned R. W. Phillips, while Mrs. Leverson and Mrs. Phillips just nodded in happy agreement.

"We're still so excited to talk," Mrs. Leverson said.

"It's been a lot of fun," agreed George Cook, who saw his 21st Hawley game Friday afternoon. "Of the three I missed the biggest disappointment was not seeing them beat Moorhead."

"This game was a corker — I thought they had it safely won and I almost tore the planks off toward the end," said Henry M. (Speed) Johnson.

Mrs. Donald Cameron and Mrs. Fred Reitan bought coffee to settle their nerves.

"My hands are still shaking," Mrs. Reitan said.

"We've had so many thrills this year," Mrs. Cameron said. "The boys certainly have given us a good time."

On hand to congratulate the Hawley fans were Lamarr Bittinger of Moorhead and Milton Reiersgard, publisher of the Ulen Union.

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Of all the proud Hawley fans and the proud parents of the Golden Nuggets probably none are as proud as Dit Riedberger, Elwood (Chief) Henrikson and Vint McDonald, three mainstays of the Hawley Hawks who brought athletic fame to Hawley in Independent basketball and baseball.

Dick Riedberger and Ronald Henrikson have been two of the mainstays of the Golden Nuggets all season, but George McDonald has been one of the

"Chinese Bandits," the second team.

"We all thought we'd have to buy Vint a bigger hat when George played a few seconds during the regional tournament," Riedberger laughed.

"You should have seen him yesterday when George came off the bench to become the sparkplug which almost beat Austin. And today, I'll bet he's so proud again — but we're all proud not only of our three boys but of all of them."

"Mostly I think we're proud because they're good kids, not only on the basketball floor but off."

"Of course, us old Hawks are happy too that they have the fighting spirit that used to keep the Hawley Hawks going, but we think they've come a long way."

"There was no disgrace in losing to Austin by five points. After all, if you have to get beat you might as well get beat by the best and Austin is the best in the state."

"But today the boys proved they can bounce back from defeat and fight on to win."

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The assessment of the Golden Nuggets as "good kids" comes from everyone in Hawley.

Norman Roos put it this way before Friday's game:

"No matter what happens now, they've covered Hawley with glory just by being in the state tournament, because the odds of being one of eight teams out of 480 are terrific."

"They are such fine boys personally that they're a credit to the town and are a mighty good influence on the younger boys growing up."

The players' schoolmates agree.

Mary Brandser and Geri Miner said of Thursday's opening game, "They were scared but we're still mighty proud of them."

Mary and Geri play in the Hawley band.

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Hawley's season wound up 24-2, the two defeats coming at Minneapolis.

# Favored Austin Edges Hawley, 62-57 Nuggets Go Down Fighting As Crowd Roars For Upset

By LLOYD SVEEN  
Minnesota Editor

MINNEAPOLIS — Midnight came for Clay County's Cinderellas Thursday afternoon when the Austin Packers snapped Hawley's string of 23 basketball victories with a 62-57 state tournament win.

There was no tarnish on the Golden Nuggets, who threw a mighty scare into proud Austin's defending champions with a fighting second half that turned Williams Arena into a screaming, stamping madhouse pulling for the small town upset.

But even Hawley's fighting spirit and the roaring rooting of most of the 18,002 fans couldn't do the trick because the Cinderellas had no magic in the first half.

It was a combination of state tournament jitters, Austin's height and reputation and the floor itself, team members said after the game.

"We're the second best team in the state," a carload of Hawley fans shouted, and Coach Lowell Bolger agreed.

"I'm so proud of those boys — they played the greatest ball in the second half — nobody ever

played any better," Bolger said. "The first half they were cold, couldn't shoot and they were flat on their feet. But that second half — how they can fight."

The Hawley boys took the defeat like champions, congratulating Austin before hurrying off to the showers.

"Sure, they felt bad but there weren't any tears, they can take it as well as win," Bolger said.

"We'll be No. 5," Dick Riedberger said at dinner and his teammates shouted agreement after Bolger told the squad to be in bed by 10:30, "because we

have a game tomorrow."

Hawley plays Mankato at 2 p.m. today in the consolation round.

That playdown winds up at 6 p.m. Saturday when the fifth place team will be decided.

"If Lowell can get them up again I think we'll take Mankato," said Sig Sonju, Hawley school superintendent. "It took them a while to get adjusted, but when they got over the jitters they played the kind of ball they usually do."

Pius Lacher, assistant coach, said the Nuggets "missed too many second shots" in the first half, but finally found that "Austin wasn't as tough as they figured they would be. There is no disgrace to be beaten by five points by a team like Austin."

Larry Sonju, 11-year-old son of Supt. Sonju, was proudest of his big brother, Lyndon.

"He really rebounded and shot," Larry said.

Bolger agreed but he singled out a boy from the bench for special praise.

"McDonald sparked the team. What a game he played."

George McDonald, a reserve guard, entered the game late in the first half and his steady play began to pay off shortly after the intermission.

Hawley fans were hard to locate but they made themselves known at the game.

In contrast to Austin, whose thousand or more rooters were concentrated in one section, Hawley townspeople were scattered about the big arena because they had to trade tickets to make up for the small bloc set aside for Hawley.

But that was only one more aspect of Hawley's underdog role.

Not only was Austin's team bigger and more experienced in tournament play, but the Packers' band was brassier and louder, bigger and more experienced in Hawley's five and they were the favorites.

There was a subdued murmuring of approval when Austin's smooth offensive clicked right at the start and there were groans when Hawley's shots missed during the first half.

But the crowd was as quiet as 18,000 people under one roof can be.

During the half-time intermission one knot of fans decided Hawley had been highly overrated, and when the Nuggets were taking their practice shots were were comments that "they can't even drop their shots in during practice."

But when Hawley began cut-

ting into the 16-point margin piled up by Austin, you could feel a tension in the air and suddenly the Hawley band, the five cheerleaders and their loyal hometown fans had thousands upon thousands of allies.

The rolling roar which went up with each Hawley basket told the story: The Golden Nuggets were the sweethearts of the tournament.

There is nothing like the thrill which the crowd's switch produces.

Horse racing is run for the roses, baseball's World Series or football's Rose Bowl can't match the cacophony of sound when a Minnesota state basketball tournament audience picks its sweethearts.

Every Hawley basket, every Austin foul produced a rolling roaring, shouting and screaming and stamping of feet from 17,000 frenzied fans which drowned out Austin's crack band and its rooters.

When Hawley pulled up to within four points with 5 minutes 7 seconds left, the sound bounced from wall to wall and from the domed arena roof in a steady crescendo.

At 4 minutes 3 seconds it was 52-50 and Austin's all-state Tom Kezar was cheered mightily when he fouled Ronald Henrickson.

When Henrickson sank one and missed the bonus the cheers and groans went up and down.

When Austin began stalling out a 58-55 lead with 1 minute 39 seconds left the roar of disapproval continued long after it was apparent that time was running out on the Cinderellas.

Many sportswriters agreed that Hawley may have given Austin its toughest test of the tournament.

One woman sitting in the arena said loudly, "I would have had the upset if Austin hadn't gotten the breaks."

"A bit of luck and they would have done it," said Carroll (Shorty) Malvey of Moorhead, who played in the tournaments in 1929-30 during Moorhead's golden era of basketball.

He has missed only two state tournaments since and agrees with Manny Marget of Moorhead, who has broadcast the tournaments 18 years, that the biggest thrill of all comes when the crowd switches to a sweetheart as it did to Hawley Thursday.

Many other District 23 towns were represented by fans proud of Hawley, champions of District 23 and Region 6.

Among them were Neil Wohlwend, Oscar Westlin and Jim Gletne of Moorhead, Robert Al-lison of Fergus Falls, and Supt. Grand Johnson and Dr. E. G. Olson of Detroit Lakes.

## Defending Champions Tip Nuggets By 62-57

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Astonishing little Hawley fought defending champion Austin to the wire Thursday before losing 62-57 in the hair-raising opening round of the Minnesota high school basketball tournament.

Wayzata won the opening game 57-51 over Mankato and will meet title-favorite Austin in tonight's semifinal round.

Unbeaten Hawley, a 12 point underdog, shook down the thunder from the capacity Williams Arena crowd of 18,002 by battling from 16 points behind early in the second half to get within one point of the towering Packers in the fading minutes.

But just as he did a year ago in driving Austin to the 1958 state title, ice-cool Tommy Kezar rescued the Packers from what would have been the state high school upset of the decade.

With Austin leading only 54-53 and Hawley at the peak of its comeback momentum, Kezar fired a jump shot from 15 feet away and then followed with two free throws for a lead that even Hawley's spunk couldn't overcome.

The western Minnesota Golden Nuggets, unbeaten in 23 games but considered out of their class in some pre-tournament sizeups, ran into a ruinous stretch of cold shooting in the first half that ultimately cost them the game.

Hawley hit only 20 per cent of its shots while Austin galloped to a 31-19 halftime lead. The Packers stretched it to 37-21 on the shooting of lanky Jerry Goodwin and Clayt Reed before Hawley launched its rally.

Outreached an average of two inches per man, Hawley nonetheless seized control of the back boards after the opening mome-

nt of the second half and first Leigh Gilbertson, then Ron Henrickson and finally Dick Riedberger found the range to steadily cut away at Austin's lead.

The big crowd roared when Gilbertson connected with a 40-foot one hander at the third period buzzer and pruned Austin's advantage to 43-36.

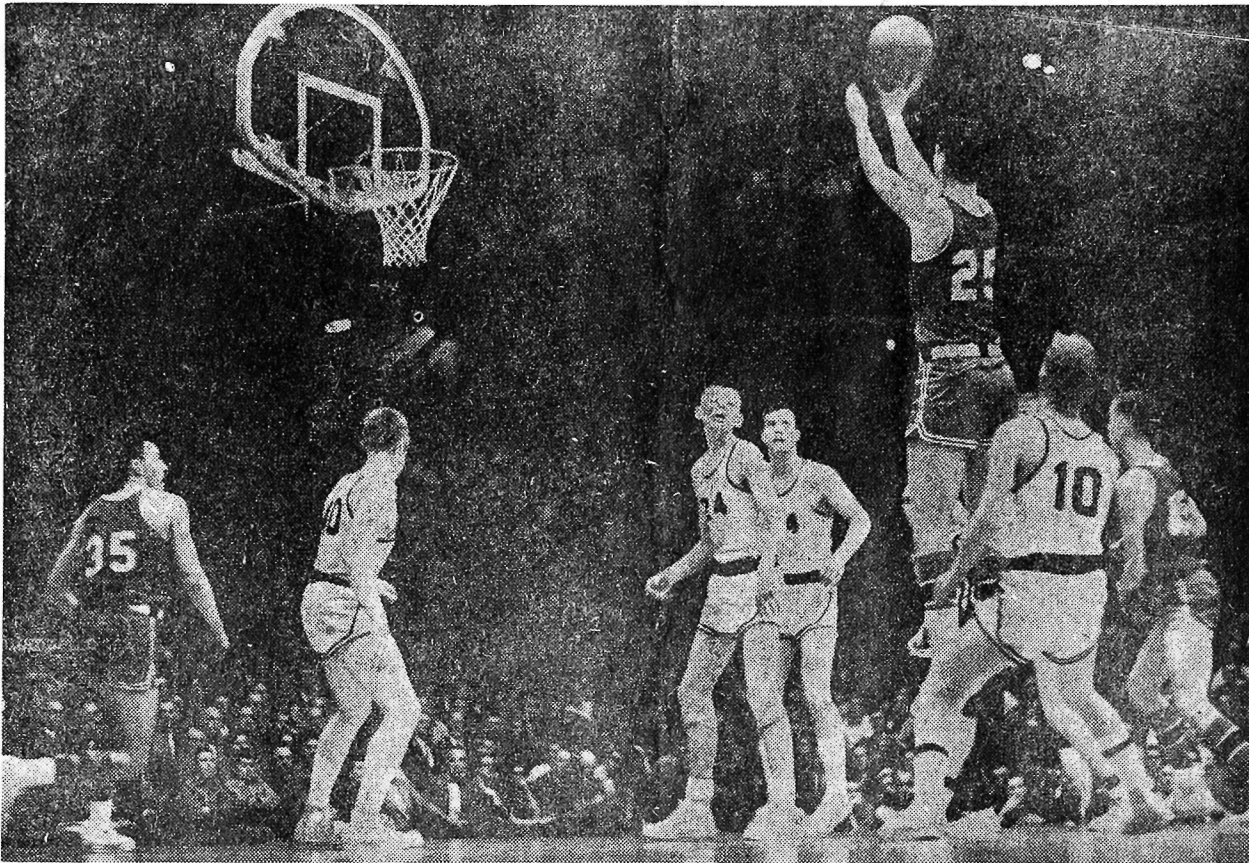
From there Gilbertson, Henrickson and Riedberger took turns scoring with jump shots and rebounds. With four minutes left chubby little George McDonald pushed in a short jump shot and it was 52-50 for Austin.

Henrickson followed with a free throw and the crowd nearly shook the plant's foundation.

Mike Marineau, one of Austin's early game heroes, made it 54-51 before Riedberger lined a jumper from the corner. Kezar took over from there and Hawley ran out of time.

Kezar finished with 22 points and Marineau had 16. Henrickson had 16 and Riedberger and Gilbertson 14 apiece for Hawley. Hawley shot 40 per cent for the game including a searing 54 per cent the second half. Austin shot 42 per cent.

Wayzata's full court press and blinding speed pulled the Trojans out of trouble in the second half and earned them their victory over Mankato.



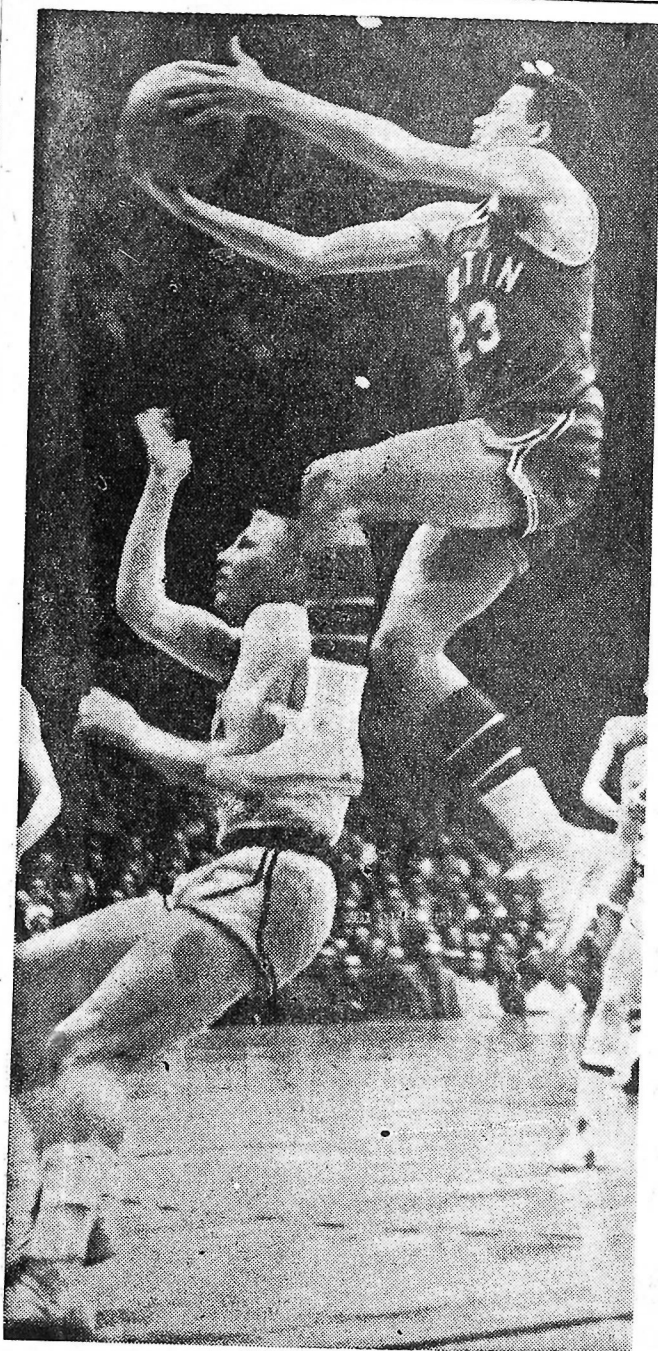
AUSTIN'S TOM KEZAR fires a one hand jump shot in the crucial closing minutes of the Hawley-Austin game at Williams arena. The deadly sniping of the 6-2 all-state guard kept the Packers from defeat and one of the greatest upsets in tournament history.

Others in photo are 6-3 John Dean (35), 6-2 Ron Henrickson (40), 6-1½ Lyndon Sonju (24), 6-2½ Dick Riedberger, 5-6 Whitey Halvorson (10), and 6-5 Jerry Goodwin (45). The game was played before 18,002 fans. — Minneapolis Star photo by John Croft.

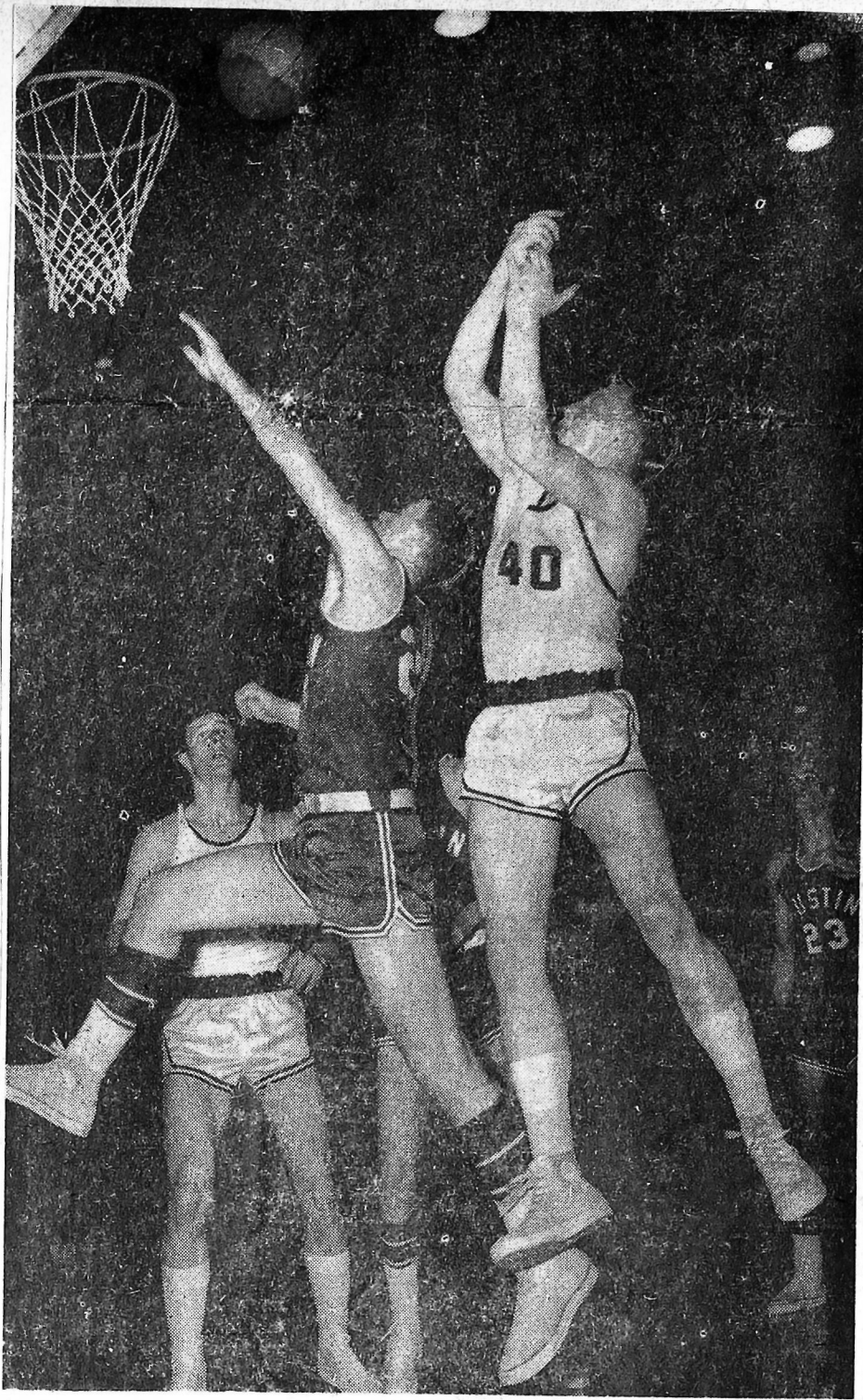
Fred Brown of Moorhead, one of the area's competent officials, congratulated the Hawley Nuggets on their showing in the state tournament.

Paul Benson of Granite Falls and Dick Riedberger of Hawley were the only two all-state football players to play in the state basketball tournament.

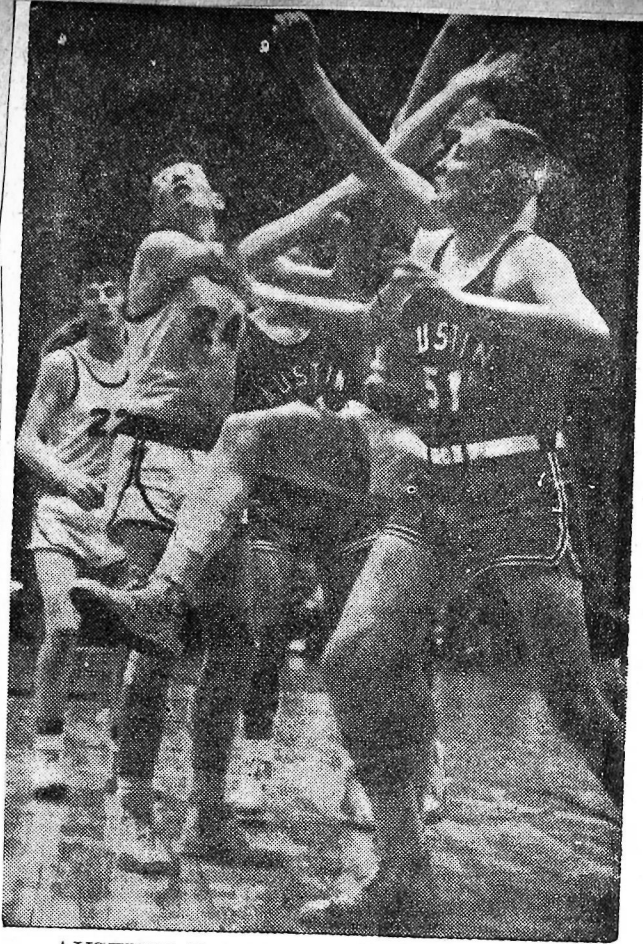
Reserve guard George McDonald sparked the Nuggets on both offense and defense during the state tournament games. Reserve center Rich Braun also did a good job in his appearance.



ONE OF AUSTIN'S two all-state guards, Mike Marineau (23) soars into the air. Nugget in photo is Ron Henrickson.—Minneapolis Tribune photo.



RON HENRICKSON (40) glides to earth after lofting a shot over Tom Kezar. Others in photo from left to right are Dick Riedberger, Jerry Goodwin and Mike Marineau. — St. Paul Pioneer Press photo.



AUSTIN'S Tom Berven 6-4 (51) has more than the usual allotment of arms in this Minneapolis Tribune photo. At left are Hawley's Leigh Gilbertson (22) and Lyndon Sonju (24).

## Keeping In LINE— Hawley Earned Some Glory In Opener Against Austin

By EUGENE FITZGERALD

Austin won, but there was enough glory for both teams as the Minnesota state high school defending champions edged Hawley, 62-57, Thursday.

The Packers didn't exactly run the Nuggets into the ground. I can't forget that there was only one point separating the teams with 29 seconds remaining.

Hawley did better than a lot of people figured they might do. But Austin must have looked to them like all of their tournament foes. Hawley made up a lot of ground in the second half, in fact more than the Nuggets made up in the Concordia Fieldhouse in five district and regional games.

Austin had the Nuggets down by 16 points at one stage. But the Packers couldn't make it stick. Austin had to go into a control game in the late stages to protect its slender lead.

The Packers aren't likely to underestimate any future opponent after Thursday's narrow escape.



Fitzgerald

It isn't difficult to imagine how the Nuggets might have pulled out a victory over Austin. But Hawley couldn't get the lead.

The difference in the teams was Austin's height advantage. The Nuggets couldn't capture enough rebounds to move in front.

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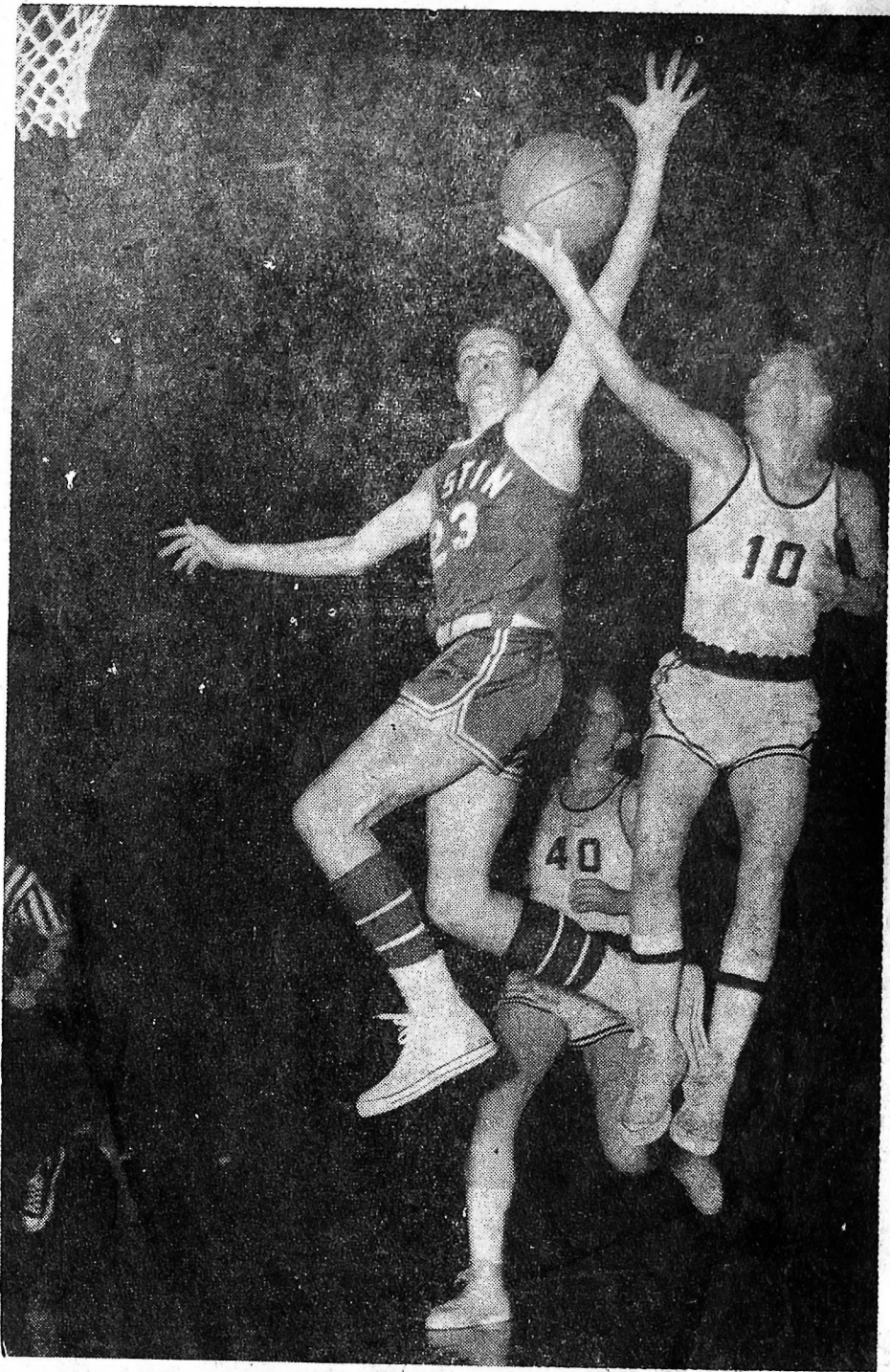
No team will outgame Hawley. The Nuggets apparently never give up.

Hawley looked like a hopelessly beaten outfit from the second quarter until they moved within range in the final quarter.

The Nuggets didn't have Austin's poise. Austin didn't have Hawley's shooting misfortune. A smaller team has to have a good shooting percentage to make up for losing the ball so often on rebounds.

Hawley made a lot of mechanical errors. Apparently the Nuggets, who had been amazing in their sweep of the District 23 and Region 6 titles, suffered from tournament jitters.

The Nuggets gave the ball away far more times than they could afford, in numerous instances when no Austin player was in position to harass them.



HAWLEY'S mighty mite, Whitey Halvorson (10) gets off the floor to fight for the ball against Austin's

Mike Marineau (23). Ron Henrickson is No. 40.—St. Paul Pioneer Press photo.

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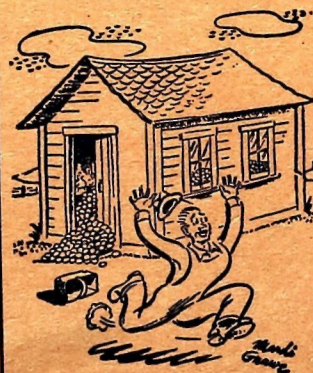
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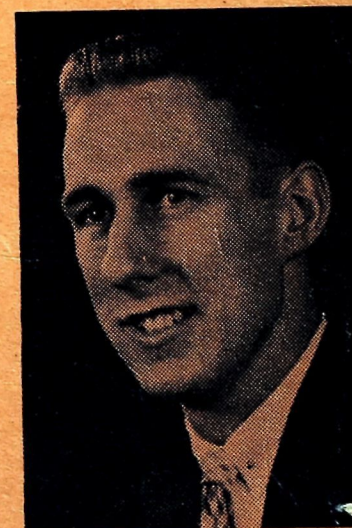
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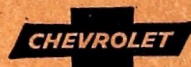
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| No     | P | Yr | Hgt  | Name             | 1st Half | 2nd Half | fg | ft | pf | tp |
|--------|---|----|------|------------------|----------|----------|----|----|----|----|
| 13     | F | 12 | 5-11 | DeWayne Anderson |          |          |    |    |    |    |
| 15     | C | 12 | 6-2  | Cliff Frazee     |          |          |    |    |    |    |
| 23     | G | 12 | 5-10 | Dave Sattre      |          |          |    |    |    |    |
| 31     | G | 12 | 6-0  | Albert Schierman |          |          |    |    |    |    |
| 33     | G | 11 | 5-11 | Doug Nord        |          |          |    |    |    |    |
| 21     | G | 11 | 5-7  | Paul Senn        |          |          |    |    |    |    |
| 25     | G | 11 | 6-2  | Gary Skunberg    |          |          |    |    |    |    |
| 43     | C | 11 | 6-1  | Wes Skunberg     |          |          |    |    |    |    |
| 11     | F | 11 | 5-11 | Wally Scheer     |          |          |    |    |    |    |
| 41     | F | 11 | 6-0  | Tom Johnson      |          |          |    |    |    |    |
| 35     | F | 11 | 6-0  | Lorne Sharnberg  |          |          |    |    |    |    |
| 45     | F | 11 | 6-1  | Wally Halbakken  |          |          |    |    |    |    |
| TOTALS |   |    |      |                  |          |          |    |    |    |    |

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| Name                    | Position | No. | No. | Class | Height             |
|-------------------------|----------|-----|-----|-------|--------------------|
| ANDERSON, JAMES         | G        | 12  | 12  | 12    | 5'10"              |
| EVANS, DAVID            | C        | 3   | 3   | 12    | 5'11"              |
| EVANS, ROBERT           | F        | 7   | 7   | 10    | 5'10"              |
| JANKE, LYLE             | F        | 11  | 11  | 12    | 5'9"               |
| REIERSGORD, VAL         | G        | 5   | 5   | 10    | 6'                 |
| SATHER, MERVIN          | F        | 10  | 10  | 12    | 5'11"              |
| SCHULTZ, KEN            | F        | 8   | 8   | 11    | 5'9"               |
| SKREIN, ORLYN           | G        | 6   | 6   | 11    | 5'6"               |
| TOLLEFSRUD, DELMON      | C        | 9   | 9   | 12    | 6'                 |
| WANG, LOWELL            | G        | 4   | 4   | 10    | 5'9"               |
| Coach, Dennis Linstaedt |          |     |     |       | Nickname, Panthers |
| Colors, Black & Orange  |          |     |     |       |                    |

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### Barnesville

| Name             | Position | No. | No. | Class | Height |
|------------------|----------|-----|-----|-------|--------|
| DAVE OSBORN      | G        | 2   | 3   | 11    | 5'10"  |
| DAVE NOYES       | G        | 4   | 4   | 10    | 5'8"   |
| FRED NICKLAY     | G        | 5   | 5   | 12    | 5'7"   |
| WALTER PEET      | F        | 6   | 6   | 11    | 5'9"   |
| LARRY NESS       | F        | 7   | 7   | 11    | 5'8"   |
| JERRY ERNST      | G        | 8   | 8   | 11    | 5'7"   |
| MILTON WILKINSON | C        | 9   | 9   | 11    | 6'1"   |
| DON DELP         | F        | 10  | 10  | 11    | 5'8"   |
| KENT TONSFELDT   | G        | 11  | 11  | 12    | 5'11"  |
| DELL OLSON       | F        | 12  | 12  | 12    | 6'     |
| EDDIE ANDERSON   | C        | 13  | 13  | 10    | 6'1"   |
| HAROLD BRANDT    | C        | 14  | 14  | 12    | 5'11"  |

Coach, Bob Lentz      Colors, White & Purple      Nickname, Trojans



### Dilworth

| Name             | Position | No. | No. | Class | Height |
|------------------|----------|-----|-----|-------|--------|
| ALTOBELL, TONY   | G        | 3   | 21  | 12    | 5'6"   |
| COSTELLO, TOM    | G        | 9   | 24  | 12    | 5'10"  |
| LEWIS, NIBS      | F        | 6   | 31  | 12    | 5'10"  |
| ROBIDEAU, BILL   | C        | 12  | 35  | 12    | 6'1"   |
| SHERMOEN, CHUCK  | F        | 13  | 23  | 12    | 5'11"  |
| BATES, SLYVESTER | F        | 14  | 33  | 11    | 5'10"  |
| BENTLEY, DARRELL | F        | 11  | 34  | 11    | 5'10"  |
| DEUTLER, DAVID   | C        | 10  | 30  | 11    | 5'10"  |
| DEBRITO, DAVE    | G        | 5   | 22  | 11    | 5'9"   |
| BLAKE, WAYNE     | F        | 7   | 32  | 10    | 5'11"  |
| DeMARCO, ED.     | G        | 8   | 25  | 10    | 5'5"   |
| HALL, BOB        | F        | 4   | 20  | 10    | 5'7"   |

Coach, Ray Kuklenski      Colors, Green & Gold      Nickname, Locomotives

Barnesville

Dilworth

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Bye

Champion



### Hawley

| Name                | Position | No. | No. | Class | Height |
|---------------------|----------|-----|-----|-------|--------|
| RIEDBERGER, RICHARD | F        | 44  | 13  | 11    | 6'2"   |
| COOK, GLENN         | G        | 10  | 15  | 12    | 5'10"  |
| HEIDECKER, STEVE    | C        | 22  | 18  | 10    | 5'11"  |
| GILBERTSON, LEIGH   | F        | 30  | 17  | 11    | 5'11"  |
| BRAUN, RICHARD      | C        | 14  | 14  | 11    | 6'2"   |
| KRONBECK, EVERETT   | F        | 34  | 19  | 10    | 5'9"   |
| HENDRICKSON, RONALD | C        | 40  | 16  | 11    | 6'2"   |
| HALVORSON, DUANE    | G        | 12  | 10  | 11    | 5'6"   |
| McDONALD, GEORGE    | G        | 22  | 12  | 10    | 5'7"   |
| ERICKSON, CARL      | G        | 42  | 20  | 12    | 6'3"   |
| RUSTAD, RONALD      | G        | 24  | 11  | 11    | 5'10"  |
| HERBRANSON, DUANE   | F        | 20  | 21  | 10    | 5'10"  |

Coach, Howard Erickson      Colors, Maroon & Gold      Nickname, Nuggets



### Felton

| Name             | Position | No. | No. | Class | Height   |
|------------------|----------|-----|-----|-------|----------|
| VERN OLEK        | G        | 3   | 3   | 12    | 5'8"     |
| IRVIN YEAGER     | F        | 4   | 4   | 10    | 6'1"     |
| BRUCE SPEER      | F        | 5   | 5   | 11    | 5'8"     |
| DONALD PAKE      | F        | 12  | 6   | 10    | 5'10"    |
| DENNIS TOMMERDAL | G        | 5   | 7   | 10    | 5'7"     |
| ED LOSINSKI      | C        | 5   | 8   | 11    | 6'3 1/2" |
| KEN LAKEMAN      | C        | 7   | 9   | 12    | 6'1"     |
| CLAIR ASKELOSON  | G        | 10  | 10  | 11    | 5'10"    |
| ROGER TREBELHORN | G        | 9   | 11  | 12    | 5'10"    |
| LARRY SIPE       | G        | 11  | 12  | 8     | 5'7"     |
| JIM SIPE         | F        | 11  | 13  | 12    | 6'1"     |
| JOHN BRANTNER    | F        | 6   | 14  | 11    | 6'       |

Coach, R. J. Loraas      Colors, Purple & White      Nickname, Tigers

Hawley

Felton

M. S. C.

Glyndon

Champion



### MSC

| Name                  | Position | No. | No. | Class | Height |
|-----------------------|----------|-----|-----|-------|--------|
| JIM TAASAAS           | C        | 3   | 3   | 12    | 5'10"  |
| JIM MELAND            | C        | 4   | 4   | 10    | 5'8"   |
| MARC NOKKEN (Captain) | F        | 5   | 5   | 12    | 5'10"  |
| AL SATHER             | G        | 11  | 11  | 10    | 5'9"   |
| DICK ANDERSON         | C        | 12  | 12  | 10    | 6'     |
| GLEN WITT             | C        | 13  | 13  | 12    | 6'     |
| JIM LEARY             | F        | 14  | 14  | 12    | 5'10"  |
| GERALD EID            | G        | 15  | 15  | 11    | 5'11"  |
| CLIFF JOHNSON         | F        | 21  | 21  | 12    | 5'8"   |
| GARY HEISLER          | C        | 22  | 22  | 10    | 6'     |
| DON KLINE             | F        | 23  | 23  | 12    | 5'11"  |
| RODNEY MELBY          | C        | 24  | 24  | 12    | 5'9"   |

Coach, Robert MacLeod      Colors, Royal Blue & Gold      Nickname, Baby Dragons



### Glyndon

| Name              | Position | No. | No. | Class | Height |
|-------------------|----------|-----|-----|-------|--------|
| SCHELLACK, LOWELL | F        | 4   | 4   | 12    | 6'     |
| LANGSETH, ELLERY  | F        | 10  | 10  | 12    | 6'     |
| SCHELLACK, RALPH  | F        | 9   | 9   | 10    | 5'9"   |
| LEACH, LARRELL    | F        | 13  | 13  | 10    | 5'9"   |
| MARKS, ED         | C        | 11  | 11  | 12    | 6'4"   |
| LEACH, VIRGIL     | C        | 7   | 7   | 12    | 6'1"   |
| LANEY, CHESTER    | G        | 8   | 8   | 12    | 5'8"   |
| LANEY, JEROME     | G        | 12  | 12  | 12    | 5'8"   |
| SUNDE, WARREN     | G        | 5   | 5   | 11    | 5'10"  |
| GORDEN, DENNIS    | G        | 6   | 6   | 11    | 5'6"   |
| RICHARDS, BOB     | G        | 3   | 3   | 10    | 5'6"   |

Coach, Floyd Anderson      Colors, Maroon & Gray      Nickname, Buffaloes

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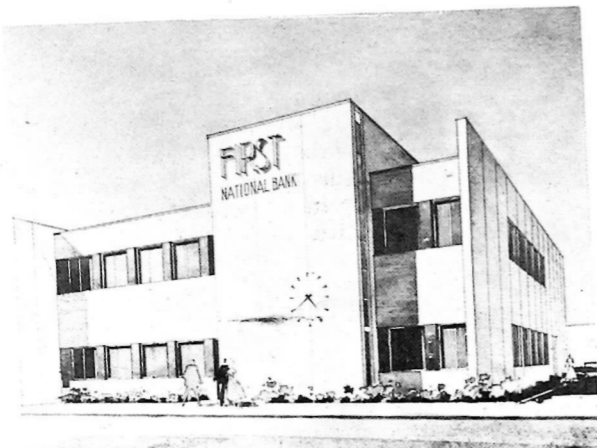
| Name               | Position | No. | No. | Class | Height |
|--------------------|----------|-----|-----|-------|--------|
| ANDERSON, JAMES    | G        | 12  | 12  | 12    | 5'10"  |
| EVANS, DAVID       | C        | 3   | 3   | 12    | 5'11"  |
| EVANS, ROBERT      | F        | 7   | 7   | 10    | 5'10"  |
| JANKE, LYLE        | F        | 11  | 11  | 12    | 5'9"   |
| REIERSGORD, VAL    | G        | 5   | 5   | 10    | 6'     |
| SATHER, MERVIN     | F        | 10  | 10  | 12    | 5'11"  |
| SCHULTZ, KEN       | F        | 8   | 8   | 11    | 5'9"   |
| SKREIN, ORLYN      | G        | 6   | 6   | 11    | 5'6"   |
| TOLLEFSRUD, DELMON | C        | 9   | 9   | 12    | 6'     |
| WANG, LOWELL       | G        | 4   | 4   | 10    | 5'9"   |

Coach, Dennis Linstaedt      Colors, Black & Orange      Nickname, Panthers

# REGION 6



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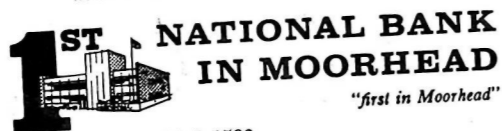
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On behalf of the Region VI Committee it is a pleasure to welcome all of you to the Concordia Fieldhouse for this Region VI Tournament.

During this two day tournament you are seeing the District Champions of Districts 21, 22, 23, and 24 in action. The winner of this tournament will be named Region VI Champion and will represent our Region at the State Tournament at Williams Arena in Minneapolis next week.

The tournament that you are now witnessing represents a part of the elimination procedure whereby 490 member schools of the Minnesota State High School League finally arrive at one State Champion through the process of tournament play. Our Region VI comprises 74 schools and is the largest of the eight regions from the standpoint of the number of member schools. The sportsmanship of our fans has been improving with each passing year. Every true and loyal fan wants his team to win. However, only one team can be named Region VI Champion and only one team can eventually win the coveted state crown. In other words, when the tournament process is completed there will be 489 losers along the way and only one winner.

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So again we say welcome to this Region VI Tournament. We invite each of you to give your favorite team your best positive support. Our thanks to all of you good fans for the fine sportsmanship that we know will be forthcoming.

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# Region 6 Tournament Pairings

|                    |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| WHEATON (H)        |  |  |  |  |  |
| THURSDAY, MARCH 12 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7:00               |  |  |  |  |  |
| HAWLEY (V)         |  |  |  |  |  |
|                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| SAUK CENTRE (H)    |  |  |  |  |  |
| THURSDAY, MARCH 12 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8:15               |  |  |  |  |  |
| AITKIN (V)         |  |  |  |  |  |

CONSOLATION GAME, FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 7:00

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| Team     | Field Goals | Free Throws | Personal Fouls |
|----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1st Half | 2nd         | 1st Half    | 2nd            |
| Hawley   | 10          | 0           | 8              |
| Dick     |             |             | 5              |
| Lyndie   |             |             | 1              |
| Ronny    |             |             | 2              |
| Pint     |             |             | 1              |
| Herbie   |             |             | 1              |
| George   | 0           | 0           | 0              |
| Leigh    |             |             | 4              |

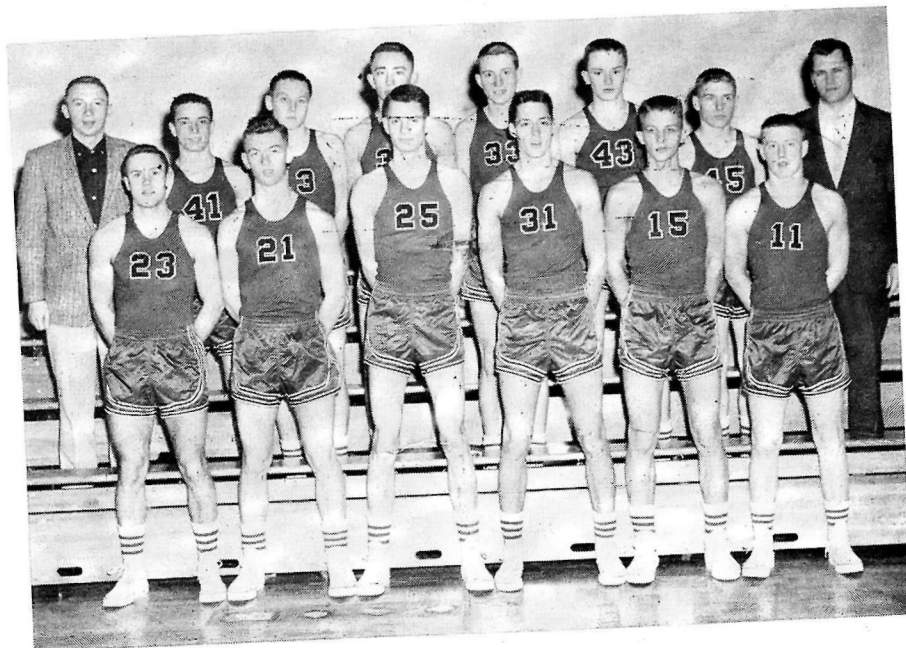
33 56  
FIRST HALF FINAL SCORE

| Team      | Field Goals | Free Throws | Personal Fouls |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1st Half  | 2nd         | 1st Half    | 2nd            |
| Wheaton   |             |             | 6              |
| Hennen    |             |             | 5              |
| Nelson    |             |             | 5              |
| Jacobson  |             |             | 3              |
| Bemis     |             |             | 1              |
| Spafford  |             |             | 2              |
| Lundstrom |             |             |                |

34 53  
FIRST HALF FINAL SCORE

1st quart. Hawley 17-16 2nd quarter Hawley 45-43

# DISTRICT 21 CHAMPION



# WHEATON Warriors

| Player            | Position | Colored No. | White No. | Class | Height | Years Experience |
|-------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|------------------|
| LEE HENNEN        | F-C      | 31          | 50        | 12    | 6'2"   | 3                |
| FREDDIE LUNDSTROM | G        | 23          | 30        | 12    | 5'9"   | 3                |
| LYNN NELSON       | F-G      | 15          | 20        | 12    | 5'9"   | 1                |
| GENE LUNDQUIST    | F-G      | 13          | 40        | 11    | 6'2"   | 2                |
| RICHARD JACOBSON  | C-F      | 25          | 11        | 11    | 5'9"   | 1                |
| DENNIS BEMIS      | G        | 11          | 24        | 11    | 5'10"  | 1                |
| JOE SPAFFORD      | F        | 35          | 54        | 11    | 6'1"   | 1                |
| DAVID RINKE       | F        | 45          | 34        | 11    | 5'9"   | 1                |
| ALFRED PETERSON   | G        | 41          | 10        | 11    | 5'7"   | 1                |
| CHARLES KRUMWEDIE | F        | 43          | 52        | 11    | 6'0"   | 1                |
| JOHN ALSAKER      | F        | 33          | 42        | 10    |        |                  |
| SIMON ZELLER      |          |             |           |       |        |                  |

Coach: Wally Simonson; Asst. Coach: George Sawyer; School Colors: Red and Black.

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- Wheaton 37 - Moorhead 50
- Wheaton 54 - Herman 41
- Wheaton 47 - Benson 44
- Wheaton 49 - Detroit Lakes 44
- Wheaton 47 - Alexandria 44
- Wheaton 39 - Elbow Lake 37
- Wheaton 46 - Breckenridge 36
- Wheaton 54 - Sisseton, S. D. 47
- Wheaton 31 - Moorhead 42
- Wheaton 44 - Elbow Lake 30
- Wheaton 59 - Herman 36
- Wheaton 41 - Fergus Falls 48

- Wheaton 49 - Detroit Lakes 32
- Wheaton 56 - Granite Falls 55
- Wheaton 57 - Alexandria 48
- Wheaton 55 - Fergus Falls 63
- Wheaton 52 - Morris 46
- Wheaton 36 - Breckenridge 38

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- Wheaton 44 - Breckenridge 32
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Send me a sense of humor, Lord, to laugh  
 when victory's mine;  
 To laugh, if I should meet defeat, without  
 a fret or whine.

Give me the grace to follow rules, to 'fess  
 up when I'm wrong,  
 When silence or the other thing wins  
 plaudits from the throng.

When foes are tough and fighting fierce and  
 I am getting weak,  
 Dear God, don't ever let me show a broad,  
 bright, yellow streak.

And teach me, Lord, life's game to play  
 just one day at a time —  
 With Thee as coach and trainer, Lord, real  
 victory must be mine.

Rev. Fred Tyner

#### REGION VI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| April 6 — Speech, Fergus Falls ..... | Dorwin Hanson, Manager |
| May 18 — Tennis, Detroit Lakes ..... | C. H. Hegdahl, Manager |
| May 18 — Golf, Detroit Lakes .....   | C. H. Hegdahl, Manager |
| May 20 — Track, Glenwood .....       | Cliff Hanson, Manager  |
| June 8 — Baseball, Staples .....     | John Rengal, Manager   |

Sauk Centre 63 — Alexandria 43  
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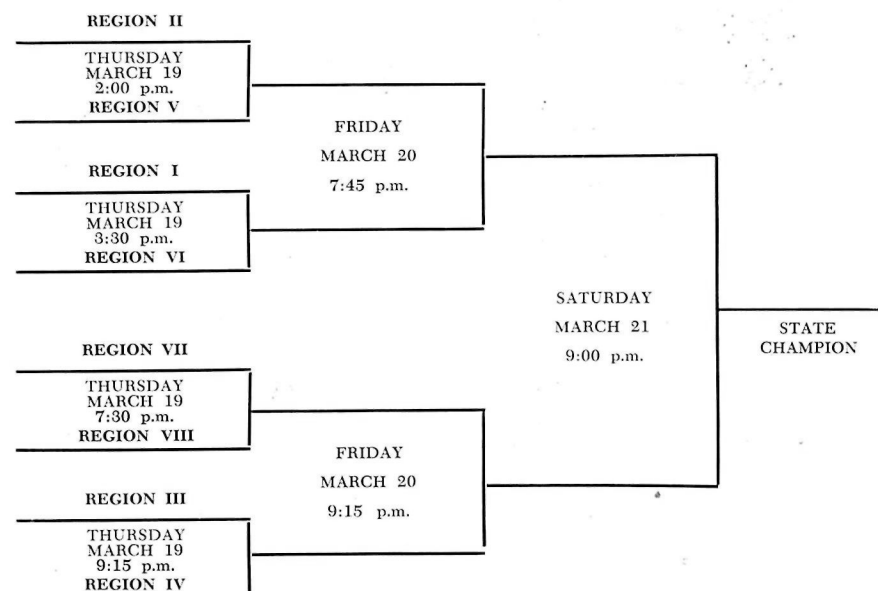
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|            |                |            |                |            |                |
|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| 1925 ..... | Moorhead       | 1937 ..... | Crosby-Ironton | 1948 ..... | Crosby-Ironton |
| 1926 ..... | Moorhead       | 1938 ..... | Crosby-Ironton | 1949 ..... | Brainerd       |
| 1927 ..... | Moorhead       | 1939 ..... | Breckenridge   | 1950 ..... | Alexandria     |
| 1928 ..... | Moorhead       | 1940 ..... | Breckenridge   | 1951 ..... | Brainerd       |
| 1929 ..... | Moorhead       | 1941 ..... | Moorhead       | 1952 ..... | Crosby-Ironton |
| 1930 ..... | Moorhead       | 1942 ..... | Moorhead       | 1953 ..... | Moorhead       |
| 1931 ..... | Moorhead       | 1943 ..... | Alexandria     | 1954 ..... | Brainerd       |
| 1932 ..... | Crosby-Ironton | 1944 ..... | Crosby-Ironton | 1955 ..... | Morris         |
| 1933 ..... | Brainerd       | 1945 ..... | Crosby-Ironton | 1956 ..... | Glenwood       |
| 1934 ..... | Moorhead       | 1946 ..... | Crosby-Ironton | 1957 ..... | Fergus Falls   |
| 1935 ..... | Crosby-Ironton | 1947 ..... | Crosby-Ironton | 1958 ..... | Brainerd       |
| 1936 ..... | Wadena         |            |                | 1959 ..... | Howley         |

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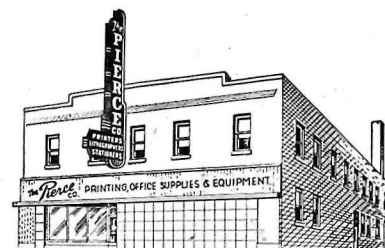
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It's merely lifting honestly the load you have to lift;  
Or, in the game you're playing, it is using all your  
store  
Of grit and nerve and energy—and just a trifle  
more.  
The thing that makes a Champion is simple, plain,  
and clear;  
It's never being "almost," "just about," or "pretty  
near."  
Its summoning the utmost from your spirits inner  
core  
And giving every bit of it—and just a little more.  
"That little more—how much it is!" As deep and  
wide and far  
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### Previous State Champions from Region 6

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| 1928..... | Moorhead     |
| 1929..... | Moorhead     |
| 1940..... | Breckenridge |
| 1954..... | Brainerd     |

### Runner-ups from Region 6

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1930..... | Moorhead       |
| 1936..... | Wadena         |
| 1943..... | Alexandria     |
| 1944..... | Crosby-Ironton |
| 1947..... | Crosby-Ironton |
| 1958..... | Brainerd       |

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## THE LEAGUE'S PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

The Minnesota State High School League sponsors one of the most comprehensive programs of interscholastic activities found in the United States. The aim of the League is to provide activities which will meet the needs and interests of member schools and their individual pupils.

The following chart indicates the activities sponsored; the number of schools participating; the number of tournaments or meets held annually on district, regional and the state level, and the approximate number of pupils participating in interscholastic competition.

There are 490 schools which are members of the League.

| ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES                     | No. of Schools Participating | No. of Pupils Participating | No. of Tournaments       |          |       |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-------|
|   |                              |                             | District                 | Regional | State |
| Baseball                                | 447                          | 8,000                       | 32                       | 8        | 1     |
| Basketball                              | 486                          | 12,000                      | 100*                     | 8        | 1     |
| Cross Country                           | 67                           | 800                         |                          | 6        | 1     |
| Football                                | 471                          | 30,000                      | **                       | **       | **    |
| Golf                                    | 136                          | 700                         | 32                       | 8        | 1     |
| Gymnastics                              | 34                           | 500                         |                          | 4        | 1     |
| Hockey                                  | 67                           | 1,200                       |                          | 6        | 1     |
| Skiing                                  | 26                           | 300                         |                          |          | 1     |
| Swimming                                | 43                           | 1,200                       |                          |          | 1     |
| Tennis                                  | 85                           | 600                         | 32                       | 8        | 1     |
| Track                                   | 401                          | 6,000                       | 32                       | 11       | 1     |
| Wrestling                               | 116                          | 2,000                       | 32                       | 8        | 1     |
|   |                              | 63,300                      |                          |          |       |
| SPEECH ACTIVITIES                       |                              |                             |                          |          |       |
| Debate                                  | 129                          | 800                         |                          | 8        | 1     |
| Drama                                   | 255                          | 3,000                       | 32                       | 8        | 1     |
| Speech—8 classes                        | 384                          | 5,000                       | 32                       | 8        | 1     |
|   |                              | 8,800                       |                          |          |       |
| TOTALS                                  |                              | 72,100                      | 324*                     | 91       | 14    |
| The average school participates in..... |                              |                             | 4.86 athletic activities |          |       |
|   |                              |                             | 1.57 speech activities   |          |       |
|   |                              |                             | Total 6.43               |          |       |

\*Including Sub-districts.

\*\*Weather and ground conditions make it practically impossible to continue football after November 1 in many areas of the state, and the schools do not have either the manpower or the resources to cover their fields to prevent freezing of the grounds and consequent danger to the players. Tournament play would run into the problem of inclement weather, or the early start of eliminations would shorten the length of the season and interest for the great majority of teams; thereby restricting the training and experience of most of the teams and players.

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## Things You Should Know About the Minnesota State High School League

### I. Membership

The League is a voluntary organization of the public high schools of the State of Minnesota.

### II. Purposes

To unify the high schools of the State in the promotion of pure amateur sports, debate and speech activities.

To standardize the eligibility rules and regulations under which interscholastic contests are held.

To provide the schools of the State with sound and adequate programs of extracurricular activities.

To promote the maintenance of standards which conform with the educational objectives of the schools.

To improve standards of play and to develop understanding of rules governing play.

To prevent the exploitation of the schools, the school activities, and the students enrolled therein.

### III. Activities

During the school year the League sponsors interscholastic contests in the following activities:

#### ATHLETICS

|            |               |            |        |          |           |
|------------|---------------|------------|--------|----------|-----------|
| Baseball   | Cross Country | Golf       | Hockey | Swimming | Track     |
| Basketball | Football      | Gymnastics | Skiing | Tennis   | Wrestling |

#### DEBATE, SPEECH, AND DRAMA FESTIVALS

### IV. Benefit Plans

The League in addition sponsors for the member schools two Accident Benefit Plans; i.e.

#### Athletic Accident Benefit Plan

This plan enrolls more than 34,000 pupils who are protected in case of injury while participating in athletics and physical education. Last year 6,925 claims were paid amounting to \$102,897. Since the plan was established in 1937 more than \$966,439 has been paid for medical and dental services to injured athletes.

#### Group Accident Plan

More than 247,000 pupils enrolled in member schools are protected in this plan. The Group Plan provides allowances for medical and dental services which result from injuries received or incurred while under the supervision and control of the schools.

Last year 7,628 claims totaling \$86,010 were paid.

Since 1946 when the plan was first offered to the member schools claim payments have exceeded \$495,347.



### V. Film Service

The League maintains a library of films dealing with athletics, physical education, and recreation. Many of these films are of the instructional type. They are used throughout the state to advance and improve the standards of play and officiating.

All League films are distributed through the Audio-Visual Extension Service of the University of Minnesota.

### VI. Registration of Officials and Interpretation Meetings

More than fourteen hundred officials are registered in the Minnesota State High School League. These men are furnished rule books for the sports in which they wish to officiate, and examinations are provided annually in both football and basketball. Upon meeting certain prescribed standards the members advance from "registered" officials to "approved" and finally to "certified" classifications.

During the past year approximately 40 rules interpretation meetings have been held throughout the state, and more than 2,700 individuals attended the meetings.

### VII. Cheerleader Clinics

For the past three years the League in cooperation with the Regional Committees has staged 8 cheerleader clinics annually. Close to 2,800 cheerleaders have attended these meetings each year.

The clinics recognize the important services rendered by the cheerleaders, and give them help on yells and techniques, and thus improve the standards throughout the entire state.

### VIII. Organization of League

#### Board of Control

The schools of the state are organized into eight regions, each of which elects its own representative on the State Board of Control. In addition Minnesota's State Commissioner of Education and a representative from the State School Board Association are on the Board.

#### Legislative Assembly

The members of this assembly are elected by the school officials of the respective districts, of which there are 32. An annual meeting is held to adopt rules and regulations governing inter-school contests and eligibility regulations.

#### District and Regional Committees

The district and regional activities are controlled and managed by committees elected by school officials in each area.

Approximately 25% of all schools of the state are annually represented on the committees or legislative assembly of the League.

HISTORY OF THE STATE TOURNAMENT

From its meager and uncertain start in 1913 the State High School Basketball Tournament has grown into one of the major sport attractions held annually in this state, and one of the largest tournaments in the entire United States.

The new Sayles-Hill gymnasium at Carleton College, Northfield, provided the facilities for the staging of a basketball tournament in 1913, and the desire of the school to make the same known and make its facilities available to as many as possible formed the initial idea for a state high school tournament. Under direction of faculty members, high schools were invited to submit their season records, and from the data available 13 high schools were invited to participate in the first state high school tournament. In the championship game Fosston defeated Mountain Lake by a score of 29 to 27, and thus became the so-called mythical state champion, and the first of forty-six to win this coveted honor.

The first tournaments drew little public attention or even newspaper publicity. Attendance was largely limited to the few students of the College who dropped in for brief moments between classes. By 1922, the final year the tournament was held at Carleton, attendance had grown rapidly and larger quarters were essential.

Following the first tournament a committee of high school officials co-operated with the faculty at Carleton in devising a method for selecting the teams and establishing the initial eligibility rules for interscholastic play. In 1914 the Congressional district formed the basis of qualification, and there were nine schools in the tournament—all except the fifth district (Minneapolis area) being represented. In 1915 and 1916 the fifth district was still without representation and accordingly one of the other large districts was divided and ten teams participated. By further division of districts there were twelve teams in 1917; fourteen in 1918 and 1919; and in 1920 the state was divided into 16 districts with one team qualifying from each for tournament play. In 1925 the state was again divided into thirty-two districts, and eight regions were likewise formed. Since that year the eight regional winners have participated annually in the final state tournaments.

In 1916 the State High School League was officially formed, a constitution adopted, and by-laws providing uniform eligibility rules for inter-scholastic play established.

The tournament was staged at Carleton College from 1913 to 1922 and then moved to the Kenwood Armory, Minneapolis, to accommodate the ever growing crowds.

- Tournament sites since 1923 have been
- 1923-27 Kenwood Armory, Minneapolis
- 1928-32 Fieldhouse, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
- 1933-38 Municipal Auditorium, Minneapolis
- 1939-40 Municipal Auditorium, St. Paul
- 1941 Municipal Auditorium, Minneapolis
- 1942-59 Williams Arena, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

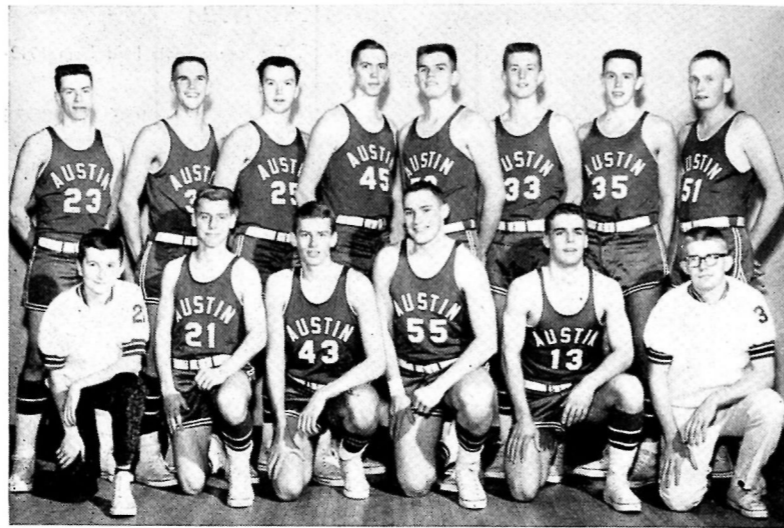
The first all-state team was selected in 1914 by Carleton officials and the basketball team, and this practice continued during the years the tournament was held at Northfield. Since that time a committee of individuals or coaches has annually designated the all-state team. For the past decade the term all-tournament, rather than all-state team has been used to designate the selections.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES 1913-1958

In 1929 the present regional groupings were established. For tournaments held from 1913-1928 present regional classifications are indicated.

| YEAR | CHAMPIONS                        | REGION | RUNNER-UP                     | REGION | SCORE  |
|------|----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| 1913 | Fosston .....                    | 8      | Mountain Lake .....           | 2      | 29-27  |
| 1914 | Stillwater .....                 | 4      | Winona .....                  | 1      | 30-4   |
| 1915 | Red Wing .....                   | 4      | Mountain Lake .....           | 2      | 30-18  |
| 1916 | Virginia .....                   | 7      | Mechanic Arts, St. Paul ..... | 4      | 20-9   |
| 1917 | Rochester .....                  | 1      | Mountain Lake .....           | 2      | 19-8   |
| 1918 | Waseca .....                     | 1      | Central, Duluth .....         | 7      | 24-18  |
| 1919 | Albert Lea .....                 | 1      | New Ulm .....                 | 3      | 37-8   |
| 1920 | Red Wing .....                   | 4      | Mankato .....                 | 2      | 21-10  |
| 1921 | Central, Minneapolis .....       | 5      | New Ulm .....                 | 3      | 19-15  |
| 1922 | Red Wing .....                   | 4      | Madison .....                 | 3      | 34-27  |
| 1923 | Aurora .....                     | 7      | Austin .....                  | 1      | 24-14  |
| 1924 | Two Harbors .....                | 7      | South, Minneapolis .....      | 5      | 21-12  |
| 1925 | Mech. Arts, St. Paul .....       | 4      | Buffalo .....                 | 5      | 20-8   |
| 1926 | Gaylord .....                    | 3      | Gilbert .....                 | 7      | 13-9   |
| 1927 | South, Minneapolis .....         | 5      | Excelsior .....               | 5      | 32-13  |
| 1928 | Moorhead .....                   | 6      | Edison, Minneapolis .....     | 5      | 29-16  |
| 1929 | Moorhead .....                   | 6      | Red Wing .....                | 4      | 20-16* |
| 1930 | Mech. Arts, St. Paul .....       | 4      | Moorhead .....                | 6      | 23-13  |
| 1931 | Glencoe .....                    | 3      | Buffalo .....                 | 5      | 22-14  |
| 1932 | Thief River Falls .....          | 8      | Chisholm .....                | 7      | 21-15  |
| 1933 | Red Wing .....                   | 4      | North, Minneapolis .....      | 5      | 16-13  |
| 1934 | Chisholm .....                   | 7      | Mechanic Arts, St. Paul ..... | 4      | 29-27  |
| 1935 | Austin .....                     | 1      | Glencoe .....                 | 3      | 26-24* |
| 1936 | Bemidji .....                    | 8      | Wadena .....                  | 6      | 26-20  |
| 1937 | Edison, Minneapolis .....        | 5      | Virginia .....                | 7      | 37-24  |
| 1938 | Thief River Falls .....          | 8      | North, Minneapolis .....      | 5      | 31-29  |
| 1939 | Mountain Lake .....              | 2      | Marshall, Minneapolis .....   | 5      | 37-31  |
| 1940 | Breckenridge .....               | 6      | Red Wing .....                | 4      | 43-40  |
| 1941 | Buhl .....                       | 7      | Red Wing .....                | 4      | 31-29  |
| 1942 | Buhl .....                       | 7      | Marshall .....                | 3      | 30-29  |
| 1943 | Washington, St. Paul .....       | 4      | Alexandria .....              | 6      | 52-33  |
| 1944 | Patrick Henry, Minneapolis ..... | 5      | Crosby-Ironton .....          | 6      | 51-42  |
| 1945 | Patrick Henry, Minneapolis ..... | 5      | Ely .....                     | 7      | 66-35  |
| 1946 | Austin .....                     | 1      | Lynd .....                    | 3      | 63-31  |
| 1947 | Denfeld, Duluth .....            | 7      | Crosby-Ironton .....          | 6      | 46-44  |
| 1948 | Bemidji .....                    | 8      | Hopkins .....                 | 5      | 38-29  |
| 1949 | Humboldt, St. Paul .....         | 4      | Mankato .....                 | 2      | 47-35  |
| 1950 | Duluth Central .....             | 7      | Robbinsdale .....             | 5      | 42-40  |
| 1951 | Gilbert .....                    | 7      | Canby .....                   | 3      | 69-52  |
| 1952 | Hopkins .....                    | 5      | So. St. Paul .....            | 4      | 42-29  |
| 1953 | Hopkins .....                    | 5      | Hibbing .....                 | 7      | 58-47  |
| 1954 | Brainerd .....                   | 6      | Bemidji .....                 | 8      | 49-47  |
| 1955 | Washburn, Minneapolis .....      | 5      | Austin .....                  | 1      | 67-58  |
| 1956 | Roosevelt, Minneapolis .....     | 5      | Blue Earth .....              | 2      | 101-54 |
| 1957 | Roosevelt, Minneapolis .....     | 5      | Red Wing .....                | 4      | 59-51  |
| 1958 | Austin .....                     | 1      | Brainerd .....                | 6      | 68-63  |

\*Overtime game.



Front Row: Jack Schneider, Lyle Cline, Paul Campbell, Gary Schumacher, Terry Brown, Roger Johnson.  
Back Row: Mike Marienau, Clayton Reed, Tom Kezar, Jerry Goodwin, Jim Miller, Don Bulger, John Dean, Tom Berven.

HAWLEY - 51  
AUSTIN - 62

#### REGION I—AUSTIN

|                 |     | Red | White | Class | Height |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|--------|
| John Dean       | F   | 35  | 34    | 12    | 6'3"   |
| Clayton Reed    | F   | 31  | 30    | 11    | 6'2"   |
| Jerry Goodwin   | C   | 45  | 44    | 12    | 6'5"   |
| Tom Kezar       | G   | 25  | 24    | 12    | 6'2"   |
| Mike Marienau   | G   | 23  | 22    | 12    | 5'11"  |
| Lyle Cline      | G   | 21  | 20    | 11    | 5'9"   |
| Tom Berven      | F-C | 51  | 50    | 12    | 6'3"   |
| Jim Miller      | C   | 53  | 52    | 12    | 6'4"   |
| Gary Schumacher | F   | 55  | 54    | 11    | 6'1"   |
| Don Bulger      | C   | 33  | 32    | 11    | 6'3"   |
| Terry Brown     | G   | 13  | 12    | 11    | 5'11"  |
| Paul Campbell   | C   | 43  | 42    | 11    | 6'2"   |

Student Manager, Roger Johnson; Coach, Ove Berven; Faculty Representative, H. R. Hastings—Athletic Director.

#### PRE-REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SEASON RECORD

Won—15 Lost—2 Total Played—17

#### REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SCORES

|            |    |     |            |    |
|------------|----|-----|------------|----|
| Austin     | 86 | vs. | Caledonia  | 71 |
| Winona     | 66 | vs. | Janesville | 62 |
| Final Game |    |     |            |    |
| Austin     | 74 | vs. | Winona     | 42 |

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Front Row: Jim McArthur, Jim Storm, George Riley, Fred Meyer, John Peterson.  
Second Row: Tom Mueller, Jerry Roth, Lee Thiesfeld, Larry Bomsta, Jim Rogers, Dave Schostag.

Back Row: Orville Schwankl—Coach, Roger Wimpsett—Student Manager, Clark Westphal, Fred Atkinson—Student Manager, Gordon Hakes—Asst. Coach.

HAWLEY - 61  
MANKATO - 64

#### REGION II—MANKATO

|                |   | White | Red | Class | Height |
|----------------|---|-------|-----|-------|--------|
| Larry Bomsta   | F | 30    | 31  | 12    | 5'10"  |
| Lee Thiesfeld  | F | 50    | 51  | 11    | 6'2"   |
| Jim McArthur   | G | 12    | 13  | 12    | 5'9"   |
| Fred Meyer     | F | 44    | 45  | 11    | 6'1"   |
| Tom Mueller    | G | 10    | 11  | 12    | 5'10"  |
| Clark Westphal | C | 54    | 55  | 10    | 6'3"   |
| John Peterson  | G | 32    | 33  | 12    | 6'     |
| George Riley   | F | 24    | 23  | 11    | 5'11"  |
| Bill Rogers    | C | 42    | 43  | 11    | 6'     |
| Jerry Roth     | F | 40    | 41  | 12    | 6'1"   |
| Dave Schostag  | G | 22    | 25  | 11    | 5'9"   |
| Jim Storm      | C | 52    | 53  | 12    | 6'3"   |

Student Manager, Fred Atkinson; Coach, Orville Schwankl; Faculty Representative, Gordon Hakes—Asst. Coach.

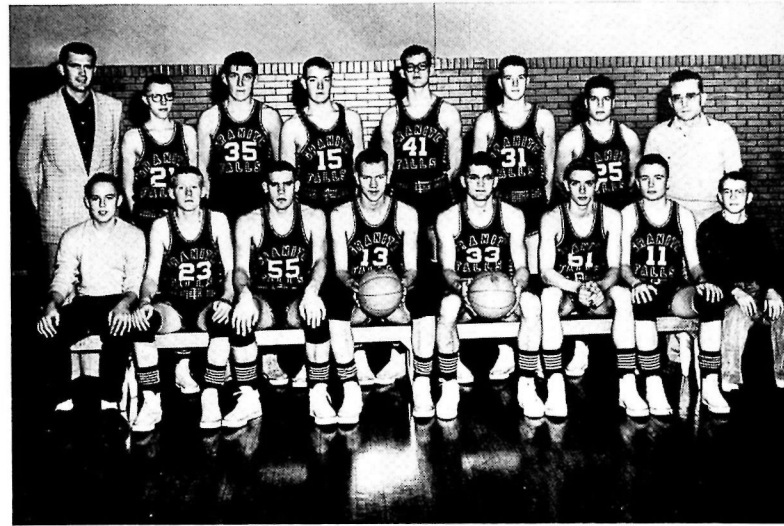
#### PRE-REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SEASON RECORD

Won—17 Lost—3 Total Played—20

#### REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SCORES

|            |    |     |           |    |
|------------|----|-----|-----------|----|
| Mankato    | 60 | vs. | Truman    | 55 |
| Westbrook  | 57 | vs. | Jasper    | 48 |
| Final Game |    |     |           |    |
| Mankato    | 56 | vs. | Westbrook | 48 |

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Front Row: Carlton Werner—Student Manager, Keith Anderson, Gerald Hegna, Odin Saby, Paul Benson, Rolland Moe, Michael Espeland, Carl Lundell—Student Manager.  
Back Row: Milton Hanson—Asst. Coach, Bruce Haugland, Harold Anderson, Lyle Hemingson, Karl Johnson, Richard Lundell, Terry Skrukrud, Leonard Espeland—Coach.

HAWLEY - 56  
GRANITE FALLS - 60  
**REGION III—GRANITE FALLS KELLOWATTS**

|                 |   | White | Maroon | Class | Height |
|-----------------|---|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Harold Anderson | F | 24    | 45     | 10    | 6'2"   |
| Keith Anderson  | G | 22    | 23     | 11    | 5'6"   |
| Paul Benson     | F | 20    | 33     | 12    | 5'11"  |
| Loren Haugland  | G | 12    | 21     | 12    | 5'6"   |
| Gerald Hegna    | F | 54    | 55     | 11    | 5'11"  |
| Lyle Hemingson  | C | 30    | 15     | 10    | 6'     |
| Karl Johnson    | C | 10    | 41     | 10    | 6'     |
| Richard Lundell | F | 14    | 31     | 10    | 5'11"  |
| Rolland Moe     | F | 32    | 51     | 12    | 6'1"   |
| Odin Saby       | C | 34    | 13     | 12    | 6'4"   |
| Merlin Saunders | F | 52    | 35     | 11    | 5'11"  |
| Terry Skrukrud  | G | 50    | 25     | 11    | 5'6"   |

Student Manager, Carlton Werner; Coach, Leonard Espeland; Faculty Representative, M. H. Lindback—Superintendent.

**PRE-REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SEASON RECORD**  
Won—14      Lost—7      Total Played—21

| REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SCORES |    |     |          |    |
|----------------------------|----|-----|----------|----|
| Granite Falls              | 53 | vs. | Renville | 39 |
| Sanborn                    | 62 | vs. | Tyler    | 53 |
| Final Game                 |    |     |          |    |
| Granite Falls              | 56 | vs. | Sanborn  | 52 |

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Front Row: Edward Hunt, Lloyd Haag, Donald Smail, Larry Brown, Richard Soderberg, James Alfonso.  
Back Row: Hal Norgard—Coach, Bruce Meyer—Student Manager, Richard Eldridge, Stanley Carlson, Harold Wilson, James Halverson, Larry Hansen, Donald Arlich, Robert Funk—Student Manager, Don Gauvin—Asst. Coach.

**REGION IV—NORTH ST. PAUL POEARS**

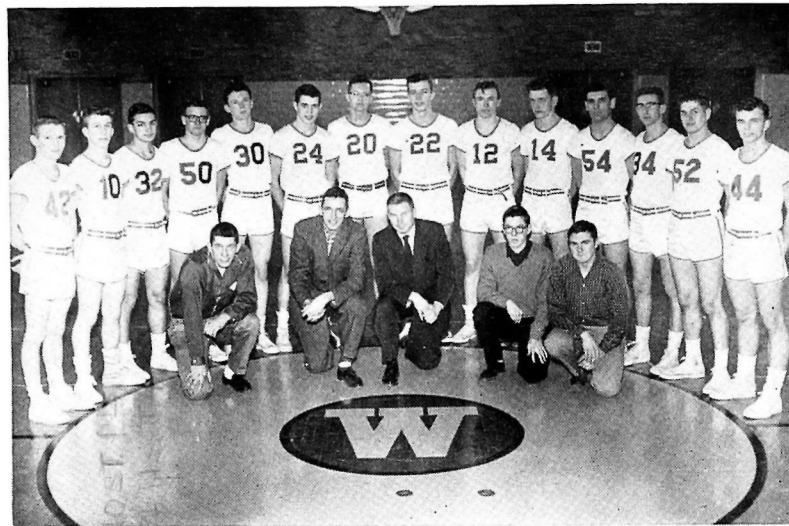
|                   |   | Grey | Red | Class | Height |
|-------------------|---|------|-----|-------|--------|
| James Alfonso     | C | 44   | 45  | 12    | 5'11"  |
| Donald Arlich     | F | 52   | 53  | 10    | 6'1"   |
| Lawrence Brown    | F | 24   | 25  | 12    | 5'11"  |
| Stanley Carlson   | F | 50   | 51  | 11    | 5'11"  |
| Richard Eldridge  | G | 32   | 33  | 11    | 6'     |
| Lloyd Haag        | G | 12   | 13  | 12    | 5'9"   |
| James Halverson   | C | 22   | 23  | 12    | 6'     |
| Larry Hansen      | F | 34   | 35  | 11    | 6'     |
| Edward Hunt       | G | 10   | 11  | 12    | 5'7"   |
| Donald Smail      | G | 14   | 15  | 11    | 5'9"   |
| Richard Soderberg | G | 20   | 21  | 11    | 5'11"  |
| Harold Wilson     | C | 42   | 43  | 12    | 5'11"  |

Student Manager, Robert Funk; Coach, Hal Norgard; Faculty Representative, L. C. Arns—Principal.

**PRE-REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SEASON RECORD**  
Won—17      Lost—5      Total Played—22

| REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SCORES |    |     |                  |    |
|----------------------------|----|-----|------------------|----|
| North St. Paul             | 51 | vs. | LeCenter         | 41 |
| St. Paul Central           | 51 | vs. | Mora             | 38 |
| Final Game                 |    |     |                  |    |
| North St. Paul             | 44 | vs. | St. Paul Central | 38 |

[ 11 ]



Front Row: Charles Knodt—Student Manager, Norman Schroeder—Asst. Coach, Jack Thurnblad—Coach, Barry James—Student Manager, Bob Burgi—Student Manager.  
Back Row: Tom Clark, Dave Greig, Nick Schoen, Tim Streeter, Colman Condon, Dean Sullivan, Bill Williams, Tom Winkler, Dean Korsgren, Bo Vanman, Ray Zitzloff, Mike Babcock, Don Mueller, John McGrail.

### REGION V—WAYZATA TROJANS

|               |   | Blue | White | Class | Height |
|---------------|---|------|-------|-------|--------|
| Dean Sullivan | G | 55   | 24    | 12    | 6'1"   |
| Don Mueller   | G | 34   | 52    | 12    | 5'11"  |
| Tom Winkler   | C | 25   | 22    | 11    | 6'3"   |
| Bo Vanman     | F | 35   | 14    | 12    | 6'2"   |
| Ray Zitzloff  | F | 54   | 54    | 11    | 6'     |
| Dean Korsgren | F | 15   | 12    | 11    | 6'1"   |
| Dave Greig    | G | 44   | 10    | 12    | 5'8"   |
| John McGrail  | G | 45   | 44    | 12    | 5'10"  |
| Roger Clauson | C | 23   | 40    | 12    | 6'2"   |
| Mike Babcock  | F | 53   | 34    | 11    | 5'11"  |
| Tom Clark     | G | 33   | 42    | 12    | 5'8"   |
| Tim Streeter  | F | 4    | 50    | 11    | 5'11"  |

Student Manager, Charles Knodt; Coach, Jack Thurnblad; Faculty Representative, William Manning—Athletic Director.

#### PRE-REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SEASON RECORD

Won—18 Lost—4 Total Played—22

#### REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SCORES

|                   |    |     |            |    |
|-------------------|----|-----|------------|----|
| Wayzata           | 65 | vs. | Maple Lake | 39 |
| Minneapolis South | 61 | vs. | Willmar    | 48 |

#### Final Game

|         |    |     |                   |    |
|---------|----|-----|-------------------|----|
| Wayzata | 51 | vs. | Minneapolis South | 47 |
|---------|----|-----|-------------------|----|

[ 12 ]



Front Row: David Quam, Duane Herbranson, Roger Kragerud, Everett Kronbeck, George McDonald, Duane Halvorson.  
Back Row: Pius Lacher—Asst. Coach, Leigh Gilbertson, Richard Braun, Ronald Hendrickson, Richard Riedberger, Lyndon Sonju, Steve Heidecker, Lowell Bolger—Coach.

### REGION VI—HAWLEY

|                    |   | White | Maroon | Class | Height |
|--------------------|---|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Richard Riedberger | F | 44    | 45     | 12    | 6'3"   |
| Ronald Hendrickson | F | 40    | 43     | 12    | 6'2"   |
| Lyndon Sonju       | C | 24    | 23     | 10    | 6'2"   |
| Leigh Gilbertson   | G | 22    | 13     | 12    | 6'     |
| Duane Halvorson    | G | 10    | 11     | 12    | 5'6"   |
| Duane Herbranson   | G | 20    | 15     | 11    | 5'11"  |
| Richard Braun      | C | 14    | 33     | 12    | 6'2"   |
| Roger Kragerud     | F | 30    | 25     | 11    | 6'1"   |
| Everett Kronbeck   | F | 31    | 42     | 11    | 6'     |
| George McDonald    | G | 35    | 12     | 11    | 5'8"   |
| Steve Heidecker    | F | 41    | 32     | 11    | 6'     |
| David Quam         | G | 21    | 34     | 11    | 5'9"   |

Student Manager, Darcy Thomson; Coach, Lowell Bolger; Faculty Representative, Pius Lacher—Asst. Coach.

#### PRE-REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SEASON RECORD

Won—21 Lost—0 Total Played—21

#### REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SCORES

|        |    |     |             |    |
|--------|----|-----|-------------|----|
| Hawley | 56 | vs. | Wheaton     | 53 |
| Aitkin | 55 | vs. | Sauk Centre | 44 |

#### Final Game

|        |    |     |        |    |
|--------|----|-----|--------|----|
| Hawley | 53 | vs. | Aitkin | 51 |
|--------|----|-----|--------|----|

[ 13 ]



Front Row: Michael Haubner, Dennis Bjork, Wayne Larsen, John Pierson, Ron Martini, Douglas Anderson, Roger Jones, Fred North.  
Back Row: Dennis Bence—Student Manager, Peter Pierson, Ronald Soderberg, James Haubner, Grant Klosner, Roger Skelton, Dick Nielsen—Coach.

### REGION VII—CARLTON *BULL DOGS*

|                  |   | White | Blue | Class | Height |
|------------------|---|-------|------|-------|--------|
| John Pierson     | C | 25    | 35   | 12    | 6'3"   |
| Ron Martini      | F | 12    | 43   | 12    | 6'     |
| Fred North       | F | 14    | 45   | 12    | 6'4"   |
| Wayne Larson     | F | 5     | 21   | 12    | 6'1"   |
| Doug Anderson    | G | 3     | 23   | 12    | 5'10"  |
| Dennis Bjork     | G | 4     | 33   | 12    | 5'8"   |
| Roger Skelton    | G | 21    | 25   | 11    | 5'10"  |
| Ronald Soderberg | C | 23    | 53   | 11    | 6'2"   |
| Grant Klosner    | G | 35    | 51   | 11    | 5'10"  |
| Jim Haubner      | F | 24    | 41   | 11    | 6'1"   |
| Roger Jones      | G | 11    | 55   | 12    | 6'     |
| Pete Pierson     | F | 13    | 31   | 10    | 6'2"   |

Student Manager, Dennis Bence; Coach, Dick Nielsen; Faculty Representative, Frank L. Ambrozich—Principal.

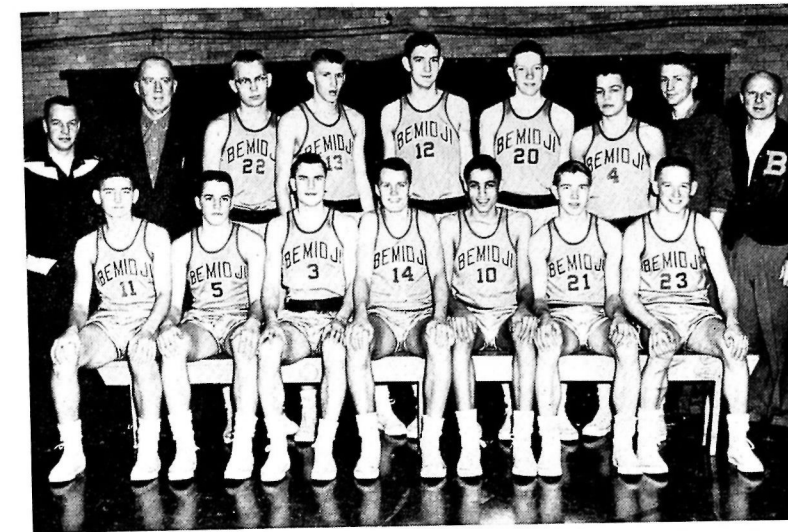
#### PRE-REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SEASON RECORD

Won—20 Lost—3 Total Played—23

#### REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SCORES

|                     |    |     |                     |    |
|---------------------|----|-----|---------------------|----|
| Carlton             | 52 | vs. | Chisholm            | 43 |
| International Falls | 68 | vs. | Rush City           | 66 |
| Final Game          |    |     |                     |    |
| Carlton             | 62 | vs. | International Falls | 61 |

[ 14 ]



Front Row: Larry Higgins, Bob Glas, Jim Vickery, Gary Strowbridge, Dave Suman, Spencer Price, Mike Barclay.  
Back Row: Jack Luoma—Asst. Coach, K. E. Wilson—Athletic Director, Russ Anderson, John Sarff, Larry McDowell, John Phillips, Lee Fawbush, Jim Dale—Student Manager, Bun Fortier—Coach.

### REGION VIII—BEMIDJI *LUMBERSACKS*

|                  |   | Blue and White | Class | Height |
|------------------|---|----------------|-------|--------|
| Jim Vickery      | G | 3              | 12    | 5'9"   |
| Lee Fawbush      | G | 4              | 10    | 5'8"   |
| Bob Glas         | G | 5              | 11    | 5'8"   |
| Dave Suman       | F | 10             | 12    | 6'     |
| Larry Higgins    | F | 11             | 10    | 6'     |
| Larry McDowell   | C | 12             | 10    | 6'2"   |
| John Sarff       | C | 13             | 10    | 6'2"   |
| Gary Strowbridge | F | 14             | 12    | 6'2"   |
| John Sessing     | C | 20             | 10    | 6'3"   |
| Spencer Price    | G | 21             | 10    | 5'8"   |
| John Phillips    | F | 22             | 11    | 6'     |
| Mike Barclay     | F | 23             | 10    | 5'8"   |

Student Manager, Jim Dale; Coach, Bun Fortier; Faculty Representative, K. E. Wilson—Athletic Director.

#### PRE-REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SEASON RECORD

Won—16 Lost—5 Total Played—21

#### REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SCORES

|            |    |     |           |    |
|------------|----|-----|-----------|----|
| Bemidji    | 67 | vs. | Newfolden | 55 |
| Crookston  | 59 | vs. | Ada       | 49 |
| Final Game |    |     |           |    |
| Bemidji    | 47 | vs. | Crookston | 46 |

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# STATE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS 1913-1958

|                        |   |                                 |   |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|
| Ada .....              | 1933  | Fergus Falls .....              | 1916, 1917, 1920 and 1957   |
| Aitkin .....           | 1914  | Fosston .....                   | 1913 Champions, 1914, 1915, 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1921   |
| Albert Lea .....       | 1917, 1918, 1919 Champions, 1927 and 1936   | Fulda .....                     | 1920  |
| Alexandria .....       | 1921, 1943 Runners-up, and 1950   | Gaylord .....                   | 1926 Champions and Sportsman-ship Trophy  |
| Anoka .....            | 1948  | Gilbert .....                   | 1926 Runners-up, 1939, and 1951 Champions   |
| Appleton .....         | 1927 Sportsman-ship Trophy, 1928, 1930, 1938, and 1952  | Glencoe .....                   | 1931 Champions and 1935 Runners-up  |
| Arlington .....        | 1921  | Glenwood .....                  | 1956  |
| Aurora .....           | 1923 Champions, 1956  | Grand Rapids .....              | 1913 and 1925   |
| Austin .....           | 1913, 1916, 1922, 1923 Runners-up, 1925, 1926, 1928, 1935 Cham-pions, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1946 Cham-pions, 1947, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955 Runners-up, 1958 Champions | Granite Falls .....             | 1947 and 1953   |
| Bagley .....           | 1927 and 1942   | Halstad .....                   | 1952  |
| Balaton .....          | 1932  | Hancock .....                   | 1922 and 1923   |
| Barnesville .....      | 1919  | Hendricks .....                 | 1929 Sportsman-ship Trophy  |
| Bemidji .....          | 1915, 1931, 1935, 1936 Cham-pions, 1940, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1947, 1948 Champions, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1954 Runners-up, 1955, 1956, 1957, and 1958                            | Hibbing .....                   | 1914 and 1921 Sportsman-ship Trophy, 1948, 1949, 1953 Runners-up, 1954 and 1957   |
| Blue Earth .....       | 1913, 1923 and 1956 Runners-up  | Hopkins .....                   | 1917, 1923, 1942, 1948 Runners-up, 1951, 1952 Champions and 1953 Champions  |
| Brainerd .....         | 1933, 1949, 1951 and 1954 Champions, 1958 Runners-up  | Howard Lake .....               | 1914  |
| Breckenridge .....     | 1915, 1939 and 1940 Champions   | Hutchinson .....                | 1939, 1943, 1945, and 1948  |
| Browtown .....         | 1944, 1958  | Kasota .....                    | 1920 and 1924   |
| Buffalo .....          | 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1925 Runners-up, 1926 and 1931 Runners-up and Sportsman-ship Trophy   | Lake City .....                 | 1915 and 1918   |
| Buhl .....             | 1935, 1936, 1941 Champions and 1942 Champions   | Lester Prairie .....            | 1941  |
| Canby .....            | 1950, and 1951 Runners-up   | Litchfield .....                | 1918  |
| Cass Lake .....        | 1934  | Little Falls .....              | 1916, 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1922   |
| Chisholm .....         | 1919 Sportsman-ship Trophy, 1930, 1931, 1932 Runners-up, 1933, 1934 Champions and 1940  | Lynd .....                      | 1946 Runners-up   |
| Cloquet .....          | 1958  | Luverne .....                   | 1913, 1935, 1936 and 1938   |
| Columbia Heights ..... | 1930  | McIntosh .....                  | 1924  |
| Crookston .....        | 1922 and 1923   | Madelia .....                   | 1953  |
| Crosby-Ironton .....   | 1932, 1935, 1937 Sportsman-ship Trophy, 1938, 1944 Runners-up and 1945, 1946, 1947 Runners-up, 1948 and 1952  | Madison .....                   | 1913, 1914, 1922 Runners-up and 1923  |
| Dawson .....           | 1949  | Mankato .....                   | 1913, 1920 Runners-up, 1921, 1922, 1931, 1932, 1934 Sportsman-ship Trophy, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1949 Run-ners-up, 1950 and 1958. |
| Detroit Lakes .....    | 1918  | Marshall .....                  | 1923 and 1942 Runners-up  |
| Duluth Central .....   | 1918 Runners-up, 1922 Sportsman-ship Trophy, and 1950 Champions   | Minneapolis Central .....       | 1921 Champions, 1923 and 1949   |
| Duluth Denfeld .....   | 1947 Champions  | Minneapolis Edison .....        | 1926, 1928 Runners-up, 1935 Sportsman-ship Trophy, 1936, 1937 Champions and 1943  |
| East Grand Forks ..... | 1951  | Minneapolis Marshall .....      | 1939 Runners-up, 1940 and 1947  |
| Ely .....              | 1929 and 1945 Runners-up  | Minneapolis North .....         | 1933 Runners-up and 1938 Runners-up   |
| Esko .....             | 1955  | Minneapolis Patrick Henry ..... | 1944 Cham-pions and 1945 Champions  |
| Excelsior .....        | 1927 Runners-up and 1928  | Minneapolis Roosevelt .....     | 1956 Champions and 1957 Champions   |
| Fairmont .....         | 1924, 1942 and 1955   | Minneapolis South .....         | 1920 Sportsman-ship Trophy, 1924 Runners-up, 1927 Champions and 1934  |
| Faribault .....        | 1913, 1920, 1921, 1925, 1927, 1938 and 1945   | Minneapolis Washburn .....      | 1941, 1946 and 1955 Champions   |
| Farmington .....       | 1937  | Montevideo .....                | 1924, 1933 and 1956   |

|                     |   |                              |   |
|---------------------|---|------------------------------|---|
| Moorhead .....      | 1924 Sportsman-ship Trophy, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928 Champions, 1929 Champions, 1930 Runners-up, 1931, 1934, 1941, 1942, and 1953   | St. James .....              | 1923 and 1954   |
| Mora .....          | 1958  | St. Paul Central .....       | 1931 and 1938   |
| Morris .....        | 1955  | St. Paul Humboldt .....      | 1914, 1918, 1919, 1935, and 1949 Champions  |
| Morton .....        | 1920, 1921 and 1924   | St. Paul Johnson .....       | 1922, 1923 and 1924   |
| Mountain Lake ..... | 1913 Runners-up, 1914, 1915 Runners-up, 1917 Runners-up, 1922, 1933, 1939 Champions, 1940, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1951 and 1952  | St. Paul Marshall .....      | 1947  |
| New Prague .....    | 1925 Sportsman-ship Trophy, 1928, 1955 and 1956   | St. Paul Mechanic Arts ..... | 1915, 1916 Runners-up, 1925 Champions, 1929, 1930 Champions and 1934 Runners-up                           |
| New Ulm .....       | 1917, 1918, 1919 Runners-up, 1920, 1921 Runners-up, 1922, 1927 and 1937   | St. Paul Monroe .....        | 1951  |
| Northfield .....    | 1916, 1928 and 1932   | St. Paul Washington .....    | 1942, and 1943 Champions  |
| Olivia .....        | 1919  | St. Peter .....              | 1922 and 1923   |
| Ortonville .....    | 1918 and 1955   | Sandstone .....              | 1917, 1919, 1920, 1921 and 1922   |
| Owatonna .....      | 1924  | Slayton .....                | 1916  |
| Pemberton .....     | 1957  | Sleepy Eye .....             | 1936  |
| Pine City .....     | 1918  | South St. Paul .....         | 1923, 1939, 1950, and 1952 Runners-up   |
| Pipestone .....     | 1919 and 1924   | Stephen .....                | 1920  |
| Plainview .....     | 1913  | Stillwater .....             | 1913, 1914 Champions, 1920, 1922, 1944 and 1946   |
| Preston .....       | 1929  | Thief River Falls .....      | 1916, 1932 Champions, 1937, 1938 Champions and 1939   |
| Princeton .....     | 1924 and 1932   | Tracy .....                  | 1940  |
| Red Wing .....      | 1913, 1915 Champions, 1919, 1920 Champions, 1921, 1922 Champions, 1929 Runners-up, 1930, 1933 Champions, 1936 Sportsman-ship Trophy, 1940 Runners-up, 1941 Runners-up, 1945, 1953, 1954 and 1957 Runners-up | Triumph-Monterey .....       | 1937  |
| Redwood Falls ..... | 1930 Sportsman-ship Trophy, and 1934  | Tower-Sudan .....            | 1946  |
| Renville .....      | 1954  | Two Harbors .....            | 1924 Champions  |
| Robbinsdale .....   | 1950 Runners-up   | Tyler .....                  | 1924  |
| Rochester .....     | 1917 Champions, 1923 Sportsman-ship Trophy, 1931, 1933 Sportsman-ship Trophy, 1937, 1940, 1944, 1949, 1950 and 1957   | Virginia .....               | 1915, 1916 Champions, 1917, 1920, 1928 Sportsman-ship Trophy, 1937 Runners-up, 1938, 1943, 1944, and 1952 |
| Roseau .....        | 1946  | Wadena .....                 | 1922, 1923 and 1936 Runners-up  |
| Rush City .....     | 1915 and 1916   | Walnut Grove .....           | 1957  |
| St. Cloud .....     | 1917, 1921, 1923, 1924 and 1929   | Waseca .....                 | 1918 Champions, 1919, and 1948  |
|                     |   | Wayzata .....                | 1925 and 1926   |
|                     |   | Wells .....                  | 1930  |
|                     |   | Wheaton .....                | 1919, 1920 and 1921   |
|                     |   | White Bear Lake .....        | 1921  |
|                     |   | Willmar .....                | 1913, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1924, 1929, 1954, and 1958  |
|                     |   | Windom .....                 | 1918  |
|                     |   | Winona .....                 | 1914 Runners-up, 1924, 1926, 1932, 1934 and 1956  |
|                     |   | Worthington .....            | 1921  |

## FUTURE EVENTS

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| State Drama Festival, Minneapolis .....       | April 4         |
| State Speech Festival, St. Paul .....         | April 17        |
| State Golf Meet, St. Paul .....               | June 1          |
| State Tennis Meet, Minneapolis .....          | June 1 and 2    |
| State Track and Field Meet, Minneapolis ..... | June 2          |
| State Baseball Tournament, Minneapolis .....  | June 23, 24, 25 |

THE 1960 STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON  
MARCH 24, 25 AND 26

MANKATO  
Thursday, 2:00 P.M.  
WAYZATA

AUSTIN  
Thursday, 3:30 P.M.  
HAWLEY

CARLTON  
Thursday, 7:30 P.M.  
BEMIDJI

GRANITE FALLS  
Thursday, 9:00 P.M.  
NORTH ST. PAUL

Championship Series

Wayzata  
Friday, 7:45 P.M.  
Austin

Carlton  
Friday, 9:15 P.M.  
North St. Paul

Wayzata  
Saturday, 9:00 P.M.  
State Champion

Consolation Series

Hawley  
Friday, 2:00 P.M.  
Mankato

Bemidji  
Friday, 3:30 P.M.  
Granite Falls

Wayzata  
Saturday, 6:00 P.M.  
Winner

Third Place  
Saturday, 7:25 P.M.

Wayzata  
Saturday, 7:25 P.M.  
Winner

BASKETBALL DATA AND TOURNAMENT RECORDS

★ Forty-five states in the nation annually conduct state high school basketball tournaments, i.e., all states except California, Delaware and New York.

★ The Minnesota tournament annually ranks in first or second place in the nation in total attendance even though some states conduct several tournaments of various classes, and some have 16 teams requiring a five-day tournament. Our tournament is annually the largest in point of attendance for 8 teams.

★ The total official attendance records for the 1958 tournament and the all-time records are:

| Session              | 1958<br>Tournament | Year | All-Time Record<br>Attendance |
|----------------------|--------------------|------|-------------------------------|
| 1—Thursday afternoon | 17,937             | 1955 | 18,068                        |
| 2—Thursday evening   | 18,196             | 1952 | 18,979                        |
| 3—Friday afternoon   | 12,183             | 1958 | 12,183                        |
| 4—Friday evening     | 18,114             | 1956 | 18,201                        |
| 5—Saturday evening   | 18,457             | 1951 | 18,701                        |
| Totals               | 84,887             | 1958 | 84,887                        |

★ Over a half million spectators witnessed the 1958 tournament series involving approximately 300 games, i.e.,

| Tournament                | Attendance |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Sub-district and district | 344,070    |
| Regional                  | 80,608     |
| State                     | 84,887     |
| Total                     | 509,565    |

★ In 1946 the Board of Control adopted a round-robin plan for the tournament pairings. This plan provides that the representative of each region will meet each of the other regional representatives over a period of seven years before repeating. The plan is a continuous one and has been projected for future tournaments, i.e.,

| Year | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Regions | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|------|---|---|---|---|---------|---|---|---|---|
| 1958 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3       | 2 | 8 | 1 | 6 |
| 1959 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2       | 1 | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| 1960 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4       | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| 1961 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5       | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 1962 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 6       | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| 1963 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 7       | 2 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| 1964 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8       | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 |

★ The funds derived from this tournament maintain the League program of activities for the entire year. Hockey and basketball are the only two activities which produce a profit; all others are non-revenue or deficit financed activities.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Manager                  | B. H. Hill, Minneapolis       |
| Assistant Manager        | Kenneth Anderson, Minneapolis |
| Head Scorer              | Rudolph Perit, St. Paul       |
| Head Timer               | Pat Mueller, Minneapolis      |
| Head Trainer             | Lloyd Stein, Minneapolis      |
| Public Address Announcer | Julius Perit, Minneapolis     |
| Physician                | Dr. James Kramer, St. Paul    |
| Referee                  | Jim Blin, Duluth              |
|                          | Don Lund, St. Peter           |
|                          | Horace May, Bemidji           |
|                          | John Conzemius, Wadena        |
|                          | Noel Hoffman, Montevideo      |
|                          | Art Fredrickson, Minneapolis  |

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Following the close of the championship game on Saturday, March 21, trophies will be awarded to the champion, runner-up, third place and the consolation series winners.

Individual medals will be presented to the squad members of each of the eight teams, and gold tie clasps will be given to the All-Tournament selections.

The members of the all-tournament squad are selected by a committee of basketball coaches from member schools in the state. Selections are made on the basis of state tournament play and not on season records.